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BIRTHS.

On the [illegible] inst., at their residence, [illegible] Clarence-street, Sydney, Alfred Lower, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

On the 28th November, by special license, by the Rev. Dr. Fullerton, at his residence, William Henry Compton, master mariner, native of Jersey, to Anna Maria Marmion, native of Sydney, only daughter of Mrs. C. Cunningham.

On the 18th instant, at the Scotch church, by the Rev. Dr. Fullerton, Mr. Robert Webber, to Jane Knight, of Sydney.

DEATHS.

On the 9th inst., at Bingara, John Minshull Drake, Lieutenant-Colonel commanding 70th Regiment H.M. Indian Army, aged [illegible] John Drake, Esq., of this city.

On the 11th September, on his passage to England, Captain Wemyss, late of ship Orwell, age 34 years. Melbourne papers please copy.

On the 14th October, at Longfleet, Poole, Dorsetshire, Mr. W. Overell, in his 84th year, father of Mr. T. Overell, of North Shore, Sydney.

On the 18th instant, at her residence, 24, Burton-street, within eleven days after her bereavement of a daughter, who is doing well, the beloved wife of W. P. Casey, Esq., Inspector of Catholic Schools in New South Wales. She leaves a large circle of friends to deplore their loss. Limerick papers please copy.

SHIP ADVERTISEMENTS.

OVERLAND ROUTE TO ENGLAND.—THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S steamship SALSETTE, J. M. ROGERS, commander, will be despatched for GALLE, with her Majesty's mails, passengers, specie, and cargo, on SUNDAY, the 22nd December, 1861, at 9 a.m., touching at MELBOURNE and KING GEORGE'S SOUND.

For particulars, regarding freight and passage, with information on all subjects connected with the PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Lines, apply to

HENRY MOORE, Agent.

Moore's Wharf, Sydney, 23rd November, 1861.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.—The rates of passage money for first-class passengers between Sydney and Melbourne, by steamships of this Company, will in future be eight pounds sterling.

HENRY MOORE, agent.

Moore's Wharf, 17th December.

STEAM to LIVERPOOL.—The GREAT BRITAIN, steamship, 5000 tons, 500 horse-power, JOHN GRAY, Esq., commander, expected to arrive at Melbourne early this month, will be despatched for Liverpool about 22nd January next.

Passengers desirous of proceeding to Europe by her can engage cabins, &c., on application to BRIGHT, BROTHERS, and CO., Melbourne; or THACKER, DANIELL, and CO., O'Connell-street.

STEAM to the HUNTER.—H. R. N. S. N. CO.—The CITY OF NEWCASTLE, TO-MORROW NIGHT, Friday, at 11 o'clock.

P. J. COHEN, manager.

Office, foot of Market-street.

THE AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMSHIPS TO MELBOURNE.—RANGATIRA, TUESDAY AFTERNOON, at 3.

ADELAIDE direct.—Steamer on or about 18th January.

HUNTER RIVER.—COLLAROY, TO-NIGHT, THURSDAY, at 11.

CLARENCE TOWN direct.—Steamer, THURSDAY, 26th December, 10 p.m.

BRISBANE direct.—YARRA YARRA, THIS AFTERNOON, THURSDAY, at 6.

MARYBOROUGH, via NEWCASTLE.—WARATAH, TUESDAY, 31st December, 10 p.m.

GLADSTONE and ROCKHAMPTON direct.—EAGLE, TO-MORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON, at 6.

FROM BRISBANE to IPSWICH.—The BRISBANE and the IPSWICH daily.

FROM BRISBANE to MARYBOROUGH, GLADSTONE, and ROCKHAMPTON.—CLARENCE, TUESDAY, 24th December, and 7th January.

JAMES PATERSON.

A. S. N. Co.'s Wharf, Sussex-street.

EXCURSION TICKETS DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.
RETURN TICKETS
between
SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,
or
SYDNEY AND BRISBANE,
EITHER WAY,
will be issued, available from 14th December, for six weeks thereafter, by the Australasian Steam Navigation Company's steamships, at
TEN POUNDS EACH,
JAMES PATERSON.
A. S. N. Co., 6th December.

STEAM EXCURSION, CHRISTMAS.—Return Tickets will be issued between Sydney and the undermentioned places from FRIDAY, the 20th instant, to THURSDAY, the 2nd of January inclusive by any of the I. S. N. Company's Steamers, viz.:—

Wollongong and Sydney ..	Cabin 15s.	Steerage	10s.
Kiama and Sydney ..	20s.		15s.
Shoalhaven and Sydney ..	25s.		20s.

MANLY BEACH STEAMERS DAILY.—Fares, 1s. The PHANTOM leaves

Circular Quay.	Woolloomooloo.	Manly.
10-15, 2-15, 6-15	10-30, 2-30	8-15, 12-0, 5-15

S. H. WILSON, agent.

WATSON'S BAY STEAMER NAUTILUS, daily.—Fares—6d. each way.

Circular Quay.	Woolloomooloo.	Watson's Bay.
10-15 2-15	10-30 2-30	12 and 5

Saturday, leaves Watson's Bay 5-30 p.m.
Sunday, ditto ditto 6-0 p.m.
Sunday (return tickets issued only), 1s.

PARRAMATTA STEAMERS.—The swift and favourite Boats now ply as follows:—
ON WEEK DAYS.
From Parramatta, at 7 and 11 a.m., and 3 p.m.
From Sydney, at 9 a.m., and 1 and 5 p.m.
ON SUNDAYS.
From Parramatta, at 7 a.m., and 4 p.m.
From Sydney, at 9 a.m., and 5.45 p.m.
FARES.
Cabin ..... 1s. 6d. Steerage..... 1s. 0d.
Ditto return .. 2s. 6d. Ditto return .. 1s. 6d.
Or Ninepence each way.

ILLAWARRA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMERS to
CLYDE RIVER.—THIS DAY, at noon.
MORUYA.—THIS DAY, at noon.
WOLLONGONG.—THIS DAY, at noon.
KIAMA.—TO-MORROW, at 11 p.m.
SHOALHAVEN.—TO-MORROW, at 11 p.m.
ULLADULLA.—On MONDAY, at noon.
MERIMBULA.—On WEDNESDAY, at 11 p.m.

STEAM EXCURSION to WINDSOR.—CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.
The favourite Steamer VICTORIA will leave SYDNEY for the HAWKESBURY, on the EVENING of FRIDAY, 27th, instant, returning to Sydney at an early hour on the following MONDAY MORNING. Tickets, 20s.
The VICTORIA will make an intermediate trip from WINDSOR to WISEMAN'S FERRY and BACK. Tickets, 5s.

STEAM to PORT MACQUARIE.—The VICTORIA will leave for Port Macquarie on THURSDAY, the 2nd January, at 8 p.m., calling at NEWCASTLE.

STEAM to the MACLEAY RIVER.—The NEW MOON, 3rd January, 1862. W. DALTON.

STEAM to the HAWKESBURY.—The NEW MOON, on 21st instant, 6 p.m. Market Wharf, Mr. DALTON.

FOR the MANNING RIVER.—The ESTHER, from the Victoria Wharf, first fair wind.

FOR THE RICHMOND RIVER, going to the PELICAN TREE, should sufficient inducement offer.—The JANET DIXON will be ready to receive cargo as soon as discharged inward cargo.

W. WRIGHT, Pacific Wharf.

ONLY VESSEL for ROCKHAMPTON direct.—The clipper-schooner COQUETTE, COUTTS, master, is now fast filling up at Smith's wharf, and will clear TO-MORROW.

For freight or passage apply to MOLISON and BLACK.

FOR PORT DENISON and BROAD SOUND.—The first-class schooner GUIDING STAR, Captain TILL, will have quick despatch for the above ports.

For freight or passage apply to J. and W. BYRNES and CO.; or LAIDLEY, IRELAND, and CO., Lloyd's-chambers, George-street.

FOR PORT DENISON and BROAD SOUND.—The fine smart schooner COMET is now loading at the Grafton Wharf, and will clear TO-MORROW.

For freight or passage apply to MOLISON and BLACK, 4, Bridge-street.

ONLY VESSEL for MELBOURNE.—The first-class ship IMPULSE has room for a few tons of light freight, if arranged for at once. Apply to LAIDLEY, IRELAND, and CO., Lloyd's Chambers.

FIRST VESSEL FOR PORT COOPER direct.—The A1 brig WINDHOVER, 250 tons, WOOD, master, having the half of her freight engaged, will meet with immediate despatch.

For freight or passage, apply on board, at Commercial Wharf, bottom of King-street; or, to J. J. PEACOCK, Miller's Point.

SHIP ADVERTISEMENTS.

ONLY VESSEL FOR AUCKLAND.—The smart clipper barque CONSTANCE, J. BUTT, commander, having the larger portion of her cargo engaged, will be despatched in a few days.

For freight or passage, having very superior accommodation, apply on board, at the Patent Slip Wharf; or to LAIDLEY, IRELAND, and CO., Lloyd's Chambers.

FOR SHANGHAI direct.—The fine clipper ship SHAH JEHAN, 443t ons, ROBERT E. ADAMS, commander.

For light freight or passage apply to W. H. ELDRED.

FIRST VESSEL FOR SAN FRANCISCO.—The fine A1 clipper barque GLIMPSE, G. A. REYNOLDS, commander, has superior accommodation for cabin and intermediate passengers, and will sail from Newcastle on FRIDAY, 27th December.

For freight or passage, apply on board, at Campbell's Wharf, or to GILCHRIST, WATT, and CO.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO, via AUCKLAND.—The smart clipper barque CONSTANCE, J. BUTT, commander, will be despatched in a few days.

For freight or passage, having very superior accommodation, apply on board, at the Patent Slip Wharf; or to LAIDLEY, IRELAND, and CO., Lloyd's Chambers.

FIRST SHIP FOR LONDON.—For Passengers only.—The beautiful A1 clipper ship CISSY, D. FOREMAN, commander, will sail positively on the 28th instant. Has most superior accommodation for a limited number of cabin passengers.

Apply to Captain FOREMAN, on board, Circular Quay; or to I. and L. S. SPYER and Co., Wynyard-square.

BLACK BALL LINE OF PACKETS.—For Wool and Passengers only.—For LONDON.—Will be despatched in a few days. The celebrated clipper ship STORNOWAY, 595 tons register, A1, 13 years, JOHN D. PHILLIPS, commander, has most superior accommodation for first-class passengers and can take a limited number in the second cabin. Wool received at Talbot's Store.

For terms of freight or passage apply to the Commander, on board, at Circular Quay; or to YOUNG, LARK, and BENNETT, George and Margaret streets.

FOR LONDON.—The fine A1 clipper ship JASON is detained for the convenience of passengers till 21st December, when she will sail at daylight. Has a stern cabin and two side cabins still disengaged, and room for three in the steerage.

Apply to Captain STUART, on board; or to GILCHRIST, WATT, and CO.

FOR LONDON.—The A1 Aberdeen clipper ship WALTER HOOD, 918 tons, register, JAMES DONALD, commander, having the whole of her dead weight on board, and a large portion of her wool down, will sail not later than the 1st January 1862.

For freight or passage apply to Captain DONALD, on board, at Circular Quay; or to JACOB L. MONTIFIORE.

FOR LONDON.—The fine A1 clipper ship JAMES HOGUE will sail for the above port, positively at daylight, on the morning of WEDNESDAY, the 15th January, 1862.

Apply to Captain WILLIAMS, on board, between 12 and 3; or to GILCHRIST, WATT, and CO., Margaret-street.

FOR LONDON, with immediate despatch.—The A1 favourite and fast sailing clipper ship DAPHNE, ROBERT SPENCER, commander, 707 tons register, has the whole of her dead weight on board, and is now fast receiving wool. This vessel has most comfortable accommodation for passengers.

For freight or passage apply to Captain SPENCER, on board, Circular Quay; or to BRIERLEY, DEAN, and CO., 273, George-street.

BARQUE SAXON, FROM LONDON.—This vessel will discharge at Botts' Wharf. CONSIGNEES are requested to pass their ENTRIES without delay, and to take notice that the vessel will not be responsible for cargo after being landed. Bills of lading must be produced, freights paid, and orders for delivery obtained from the undersigned, before any goods can leave the wharf. WILLIS, MERRY, and CO., agents, 17, Church-hill.

CHARTER.—Wanted, VESSELS for the Conveyance of Coals from SYDNEY to ADELAIDE, HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, and SAN FRANCISCO. Apply to LAIDLEY, IRELAND, and CO., Lloyd's Chambers.

VESSELS Wanted, for the Richmond, freight 8s. T. G. SAWKINS, Exchange.

WANTED, VESSELS to carry Coals from Hexham to Sydney. Despatch guaranteed. Apply at the Mismi Colliery Office, No. 5, first floor, Exchange, Sydney.

FREIGHTS.—The undersigned has CHARTERS open for the following ports:—Melbourne, Napier, Launceston, Adelaide, Hongkong, Shanghai, Mauritius, Batavia, Sourabaya, and San Francisco. T. G. SAWKINS, ship and general mercantile agency, Exchange.

SHIP JASON, FOR LONDON.—All ACCOUNTS against the above vessel must be rendered in duplicate to the undersigned, by noon, on THURSDAY, or they will not be recognised. Shippers are requested to send in their bills of lading, and pass entries at once, to enable the ship to clear. GILCHRIST, WATT, and CO.

A GOOD strong SKIFF, 20 feet long, and a DINGY, cheap. MACBETH, Market Wharf.

FOR SALE, a SKIFF, complete, quite new, only £12. F. W. COOK, Bathurst-street.

Pilot Board Office, 6th December, 1861.

TO COASTERS.—The SIGNALS hitherto exhibited at the north and south yard-arms of the flagstaff on the north head of the entrance to the Macleay River, will be exhibited at the masthead of the temporary staff, until a new one is erected.

W. F. WILSHIRE, secretary.

TO THE SUPPORTERS OF CRICKET.—A MEETING will be held at Mr. R. L. Dunn's, Australian Arms, Parramatta, on the 23rd December, for the purpose of re-establishing the Cumberland Cricket Club, when all those wishing to become members are invited to attend. Meeting commence at 8 p.m.

D. M'CROHAN, sec. pro tem.

VOLUNTEER AMATEUR DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE.—MEETING of the Committee THIS EVENING, at Volunteer Club; all members are requested to attend punctually for final settlement of accounts.

SAMUEL LYONS, Captain.

NEWTOWN ROAD TRUST.—Electors, attend a MEETING, to be held on THURSDAY, the 19th instant, at D. Webster's Hotel, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of arranging matters in regard to the new Trust.

SOUTH SYDNEY COMPANY.—Members are requested to assemble at Railway Station, at 8 o'clock THIS EVENING, for Moonlight PARADE under Sergeant-Major LEES.

JOHN DAWSON, Captain.

VOLUNTEER CLUB.—A General MEETING of Members will be held TO-NIGHT, at half-past 7, to consider Rules as printed. C. A. WILSON, jun., hon. secretary.

TO ALL JOURNEYMEN PAINTERS OF SYDNEY.—You are requested to attend a General MEETING of the trade, held at the Travellers' Rest, Market-street, at half-past 7 o'clock on FRIDAY, the 20th instant, to settle the question of the eight hours.

WILLIAM DURNFORD, secretary.

LAMBING FLAT, YASS, GOULBURN.—WELCH'S Express Van leaves Campbelltown Station on TUESDAY MORNING next. Goods received and passengers booked until four o'clock on MONDAY, at the Transit Depot, 561, Brickfield-hill. R. R. RANDOLPH.

TO THE PUBLIC OF SYDNEY.—As you will, no doubt, notice in the Police Court news of this day the name of "H. Evers" being summarily convicted for stealing a pair of slippers from the shop of Messrs. Davey and Hunter, George-street, Sydney, I humbly beg that my friends and customers will not be hasty in forming their opinion of this matter, as I intend to take it to a higher court, being entirely innocent of the charge. HENRY EVERS.

J. NOBLE returns thanks to his numerous customers for their liberal support, and hopes they will continue their favours; he has selected a large and varied assortment of Wines, Spirits, Liqueurs, &c., for Christmas, which cannot be surpassed in the colonies, either in quality or cheapness. He solicits a call at the Golden Gate, Wholesale Wine and Spirit Stores, 515, Brickfield-hill.

LYCEUM SCHOOL.—The parents and friends of the pupils are respectfully solicited to ATTEND the Recitations, Readings, &c., and the distribution of prizes, commencing this morning, at 10 o'clock. WILLIAM SPENCE CREENY, headmaster, 77, Bathurst-street West.

NOTICE TO GROCERS, STOREKEEPERS, and the Trade generally.—Messrs. L. E. THRELKELD and CO. beg to inform the trade that the short notice given of the really important sales at their Rooms, THIS DAY, is caused by the near approach of the Christmas holidays, and the necessity of closing accounts previous to the departure of the mail. As the sale is without reserve, a full attendance of the trade is particularly requested.

L. E. THRELKELD and CO.

City Mart, 362, George-street, 19th December.

PERSONS ADVERTISED FOR.

A. HOPPER.—There is a Letter worthy of prompt attention at the Post Office. J. EXTON.

DUNCAN DUNBAR.—Miss JACKSON will oblige by sending address or packet. J. EXTON, Hunter-st.

IF JAMES LANE, formerly of Deptford, Kent, England, policeman, who came out to Sydney about eight years back will communicate with J. G. PLUMB, Immigration Barracks, Sydney, he will hear of something to his advantage. Should James Lane be dead, any authentic information respecting his decease will be thankfully received, and all necessary expenses will be paid by the above advertiser.

JOHN HUXLEY, of Hammersmith, who left England, in May, 1860, by the ship Orient, for Sydney, is earnestly requested by his Brother TOM, to write to his friends at home.

MR. ALFRED DEVERELL.—A Letter, from England, is lying for you at the office of the Inspector-General of Police.

MR. WILLIAM LAMB, Wateringbury, Kent.—You are requested to communicate with your BROTHER, there is news of importance for you. Address THOMAS DARTNALL, Post Office, Great Western, Ararat, Victoria.

TEMPERANCE HALL.—The BUCKLEY MINSTRELS,
And Sable Operatic Troupe,
EVERY EVENING.
Continued change of programme. Admission: Stalls, 2s.; body of hall, 1s. CHARLES WALSH, manager.

VICTORIA THEATRE.—THIS EVENING, the performances will commence with the Scotch drama, in three acts, entitled,
THE HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN.
To be followed by the new ballet, entitled CRISPIN'S DREAM. The entertainments will conclude with the laughable farce of A CAPITAL MATCH.

ALL VOCAL and Instrumental (Professional and Amateur) PERFORMERS who kindly take part in the Music to Mr. NATHAN'S forthcoming Concert are solicited punctually to attend the last Private General Rehearsal, precisely at half-past 7, in St. James' Schoolroom, on MONDAY next.

SYDNEY VOCAL HARMONIC SOCIETY.—The performing members are respectfully informed, that by kind permission, the FINAL FULL REHEARSAL for the performance of the MESSIAH, will take place THIS EVENING, at half-past 7 o'clock, at the Schoolroom belonging to St. Mary's Cathedral, instead of the St. James' Schoolroom. The Committee particularly request a full attendance.

JOSEPH DYER, hon. sec.

SYDNEY VOCAL HARMONIC SOCIETY.—The Committee have the pleasure to announce that the sixth and last CONCERT of the subscription for the present year will take place on FRIDAY, the 20th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, on which occasion, in accordance with their annual custom at Christmas time, Handel's sublime oratorio, THE MESSIAH, will be performed. They have also to announce that, in accordance with a widely-expressed desire, the performance will be condensed within the space of two hours. The solo passages will be entrusted to Madame Flora Harris, Mrs. Cordner, Mr. Fisher, and to the several amateur members of the society, including Miss M. Brady. The choruses will be rendered by the full strength of the choir. Organist, Mr. W. Stanley; conductor, Mr. W. J. Cordner.

The doors will be opened at half-past 7; the oratorio will be commenced punctually at 8, and be concluded about 10.

Carriages will set down at Clarence-street, that being the principal entrance to the Hall. At that entrance (and not at that of York-street), a cloak room for ladies, with female attendance, will be provided.

The committee have issued a limited number of visitors' tickets, price 3s. 6d. each, and which may be had of Messrs. Johnson, King, Buist, Hurford, Moss, Anderson, Clarke, Moffitt, Sloper, Lavers, at the Hall, and of the treasurer, Mr. L. W. Hurford, Castlereagh-street.

JOSEPH DYER, honorary secretary.

AMATEUR ETHIOPIAN ENTERTAINMENT.—Gentlemen wishing to subscribe to the above are requested to send their names to the committee, Volunteer Club, as early as possible.

MR. J. CLARK'S Quadrille Assembly, at his Rooms, Elizabeth-street North, on FRIDAY next.

BOTANIC GARDENS.—The BAZAAR for St JOHN'S CHURCH, DARLINGHURST, will be held in the Gardens, on the 9th and 10th of JANUARY. It is requested that intending contributions may be sent to any member of the Ladies' Committee.

Mrs. Barney	Mrs. Garstin
G. Bennett	Hayden
Billyard	G. King
Bray	Martin
Dangar	H. Moore
Darley	Murray
Dick	Dean Thomson.

CHRISTMAS TREE.—TO-DAY a SALE of FANCY WORK, with a Christmas Tree, will be held, for the liquidation of the debt upon St. Catherine's, Waverley, in St. James' School, Castlereagh-street. Hours, 2 o'clock p.m., and 9 o'clock p.m. Admission, a shilling. Children, sixpence. Entrance in Castlereagh-street.

ON THURSDAY (this day), at 8 o'clock p.m., an illustrated LECTURE will be delivered in St. Stephen's Schoolroom, Newtown, by the Rev. C. C. Kemp. Subject—Popular Astronomy. Admission one shilling.

TO THE LANDHOLDERS, MERCHANTS, and OTHERS INTERESTED IN THE RAILWAY TO PENRITH.—A Public MEETING will be held at the Commercial Hotel, Penrith, on FRIDAY, the 20th day of December, instant, at 2 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of taking into consideration the advisability of petitioning the Government against their propounded scheme of fixing upon the site of the Penrith Terminus, on the Lower or Western portion of the town of Penrith, said locality being subject to inundation.

PERPETRATING JOKES.—Hearing that a certain FELLOW is going about Sydney, soliciting patronage for me in a supposed business. I beg to inform my friends that I am not in any such occupation, but simply trying to "mind mine own business." GEORGE SMITH, late mayor. Undercliff, Manly Beach, December 17th, 1861.

ESTATE of the late Mr. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Builder.—Those parties having the LOAN of BUILDING MATERIALS, and belonging to the above estate, are requested to send the same to 172, Pitt-street; and all MONEY due to the same is requested to be paid before the 31st instant, or legal steps will be taken to recover the same. ANDREW ALLAN, 172, Pitt-street.

LESSONS IN RIDING.—Mr. LAUDER has much pleasure in informing his Pupils and the public generally, that his new private enclosed Riding Grounds (comprising a turf course or hippodrome, nearly half-a-mile in circumference,) is now completed, where they will have the advantage of water and fence jumping, a course free from dust or dirt, and the purest air near Sydney. Invalids or others requiring early morning riding can be accommodated with beds, &c., on the premises. Ladies' horses properly trained. Saddle horses to Let. Omnibuses hourly. Hippodrome, late Flagstaff Farm, near the Tea Gardens.

IN THE ASSIGNED ESTATE OF JOHN HARFORD MULLENS, of Araluen.—A DIVIDEND in the above estate will be payable by the undersigned, at his residence, Morkittle-street, Braidwood, on 19th December instant. RICHARD GREGSON, trustee, Braidwood, December 12th, 1861.

THE UNDERSIGNED, being about to leave for England by the Salsette, requests that all ACCOUNTS against him may be rendered THIS DAY, to R. Towns and Co.'s office.

ALEXANDER STUART.

WOOLLAHRA MUNICIPALITY.—A BALLOT for the Election of a COUNCILLOR in the room of Gerard Phillips, Esq., will take place on THURSDAY, 19th instant, commencing at 9 a.m., and terminating at 4 p.m. Polling places—the Council Chambers, Point Piper Road, and the Criterion Chambers, King-street. N.B.—Those parties whose rates are unpaid to the 31st December, 1861, will not be allowed to vote.

WOOLLAHRA.—Poll THIS DAY for GUILFOYLE, at the Criterion Chambers, King-street.

WOOLLAHRA.—Poll early, THIS DAY, for Mr. GUILFOYLE, who will expend one hundred and fifty pounds on the reserve at Double Bay.

WOOLLAHRA.—Who wants to put the working man down? Why Trickett. Then VOTE for either HILLMAN or GUILFOYLE.

WOOLLAHRA.—LENNON is brought out to support Trickett's arbitrary motions.

WOOLLAHRA.—LENNON will sit if elected; but you must carry him there.

LEFT on the counter, at A. PARK'S, 39, Park-street, on Monday evening last, a Lady's BAG.

STRAYED, from William-street, on the 18th instant, a yellow COW, branded JF, heavy in calf. Any person finding the same, or giving information to JOHN O'GRADY, milkman, William-street, will be rewarded.

LOST, on Wednesday morning, in William-street, near Dowling-street, a Black Lace SHAWL. The finder will be rewarded by returning it to 21, Elizabeth-terrace, Upper William-street.

LOST, a CHEQUE, drawn by ELLEN MOLLOY, on the Australian Joint Stock Bank, Armidale, in my favour, for £12. The finder will be rewarded on bringing it to W. W. GRAHAM, solicitor, 423, George-street.

WOOLLOOMOOLOO BAY REGATTA.—BOXING DAY, December 26th, 1861.
President—William M'Quade, Esq.
Umpire and Starter—Alexander Moore, Esq.
Secretary and Treasurer—Thomas Hill, Esq.
Provisional Committee:

Captain Johnson	Mr. G. Hill
Mr. T. Hill	J. Hourigan
R. Carter, jun.	W. Doyle
C. Artlett, esq.	D Robinson
G. Copas	H. Fairfax
General Committee:	
Alderman Oatley	Mr. F. Humphrey
Spence	J. Bragg
Sutton	Grogan
Mr. Alderson	Bennett
Meacher	J. H. Oliver
Clinton	A. Park
Smith	Constable
F. B Davidson	Cummins
D. Hill	Lintot

FIRST RACE.—To start at 10 o'clock. For dingies not exceeding 14 feet, for youths 16 years and under. Course, from flagship round Pinchgut and back to flagship. First prize, £4; second prize, £1. Entrance, 5s.

SECOND RACE.—To start at half-past 10 o'clock. For all comers in wager skiffs. Course, same as No. 1. First prize, £8; second prize, £2. Entrance, £1 1s.

THIRD RACE.—To start at 11 o'clock. For all amateurs rowing two pairs of sculls, in bona fide skiffs, with coxswain. Course same as No. 1. First prize, £8; second prize, £2. Entrance, £1 1s.

FOURTH RACE.—To start at a quarter past 11 o'clock. For all youths, 19 years and under, in gigs rowing four oars, with coxswain. Course, same as No. 1. First prize, £8; second prize, £2. Entrance, £1 1s.

FIFTH RACE.—To start at half-past 11 o'clock. For all school boys, 16 years and under, in skiffs rowing a pair of oars, with coxswain. Course same as No. 1. First prize, £4; second prize, £1. Entrance, 7s. 6d.

SIXTH RACE.—To start at a quarter to 12 o'clock. For all amateurs in public and private offices, rowing a pair-oars in skiffs, with coxswain. Course, same as No. 1. First prize, £8; second prize, £2. Entrance, £1 1s.

SEVENTH RACE.—To start at 12 o'clock. For all sailing dingies (centre-board excluded) not exceeding 12 feet on keel by 15 feet overall. Course, from flagship round Shark Island, and back to flagship. First prize, £5; second prize, £1. Entrance, 10s. 6d.

EIGHTH RACE.—To start at a quarter past 12 o'clock. For all open boats under canvas. Course from flagship round lightship and Sow and Pigs, back round flagship, thence round Pinchgut, and back to flagship. First prize, £10; second prize, £2 10s. Entrance, £1 1s.

NINTH RACE.—To start at half-past 12. For open boats under canvas, not exceeding 21 feet overall. Course same as eighth race. First prize, £10; second prize, £2. Entrance, £1 1s.

TENTH RACE.—At a quarter to 1 o'clock. For all yachts (centre board excluded). Course from flagship round a boat moored off Big Manly, back round flagship, thence round Pinchgut, and back to flagship. Time for tonnage, one quarter of a minute per ton. Prize, £20. Entrance, £2 10s.

ELEVENTH RACE.—To start at 1 o'clock. For second-class yachts not exceeding six tons. Course, from flagship round lightship and Sow and Pigs, back round flagship, thence round Clark Island, back to flagship, thence round Pinchgut, and back to flagship. First prize, £10; second prize, £2. Entrance

TWELFTH RACE.—To start at a quarter past 1 o'clock. For all centre-board yachts. Course, same as eleventh race. Prize, £15. Entrance, £2.

THIRTEENTH RACE.—To start at half-past 2 o'clock. For all amateurs in public and private offices, in gigs, rowing four oars, with coxswain. Course, from flagship round Pinchgut, back round flagship, thence round Pinchgut and back to flagship. First prize, £10; second prize, £5. Entrance, £1 1s.

FOURTEENTH RACE.—To start at a quarter to 3 o'clock. All comers in bona fide skiffs, rowing a pair of oars, with coxswain. Course, same as No. 1. First prize, £10; second prize, £2. Entrance, £1 1s.

FIFTEENTH RACE.—To start at 3 o'clock. For watermen in bona-fide licensed boats, rowing a pair of sculls. Course, same as No. 1. First prize, £8; second prize, £2. Entrance, 10s. 6d.

SIXTEENTH RACE.—To start at half-past 3 o'clock. For all amateurs, pulling a pair of sculls, in bona fide light skiffs. Course, same as No. 1. First prize, £8; second prize, £2. Entrance, £1 1s.

SEVENTEENTH RACE.—To start at 4 o'clock. For gig and dingy. Gig not to be less than 32 feet; the bowman of the gig to catch man in dingy within fifteen minutes; start stern and stern. Prize, £5. Entrance, gig, 5s.; dingy, 1s.

RULES.

No. 1. All racing boats shall round the various flagboats, and other stated marks, keeping the same on the starboard hand.

No. 2. All yachts and sailing boats may carry any and what sails they please, but will not be allowed to use oars, or throw any ballast overboard after starting, water ballast to be fresh.

No. 3. Boats on the port tack to bear up for boats on the starboard tack; boats running free to keep away from boats on a wind.

No. 4. The committee reserve to themselves the right of disqualifying all persons guilty of fouling from any and all future Woolloomooloo Bay Regattas.

No. 5. Each boat in the various sailing matches to wear a distinguishing flag, 2 feet by 1½, to be named on entering, and which must be carried on each side of the sail during the race.

No. 6. Each boat in the various pulling matches to carry a distinguishing flag not less than inches square, to be named on entrance.

No. 7. The crews of all boats in the various matches to be dressed alike.

No. 8. Sailing vessels must have their after-sail set, and their head-sail down at the time of starting.

No. 9. A white flag, with number of the race in black figures, will be hoisted at the peak of the starting vessel, to denote which race is about to start.

No. 10. A preliminary gun will be fired ten minutes before each race, when the boats must take their stations.

No. 11. A gun for starting will be fired precisely at the hour stated, when distinguishing flag will be immediately hauled down.

No. 12. The starter shall have the power to disqualify any boat not complying with his instructions.

No. 13. In case any boat being distanced or disqualified, the entrance money shall be forfeited.

No. 14. Disputes occurring in any of the races must be made known to the umpire, in writing, immediately after the race.

No. 15. The decision of the umpire in all matters shall be final.

No. 16. Boats will take their stations, as No. 1 eastern-most position, and the others in rotation.

No. 17. All boats coming in shall pass between Potts' Point and the flagship.

No. 18. All boats and crews to be subject to the approval of the committee, and the committee reserve to themselves the right to return any entrance money they may think proper.

No. 19. Pulling skiffs, not to exceed 22 feet overall, and not to be under 4 feet 6 inches beam, nor less than 18 inches deep.

No. 20. In every match three entrances, and to start, or no race.

No. 21. All boats' tonnage to be calculated by the new measurement, or certificate of their tonnage under the hand of the proper officer shall be produced, if required.

No. 22. No boats will be allowed to make fast under stern of flagship.

No. 23. No persons will be allowed on board flagship without a ticket signed by the secretary, and endorsed by a member of committee.

No. 24. Any race not terminated by seven p.m. to be run again under same regulations on a future day.

No. 25. Should the weather be deemed unfit for a regatta, a red ensign will be hoisted at mizamast head of flagship from 9 o'clock until 10 o'clock.

THOMAS HILL, hon. secretary and treasurer.

WOOLLOOMOOLOO BAY REGATTA, 1861.—Publicans are respectfully informed that the sale of BOOTHS will take place TO-MORROW (Friday) EVENING, at the Sir John Young Hotel, William-street, at 7 o'clock prompt.

THOMAS HILL, hon. sec.

WOOLLOOMOOLOO BAY REGATTA, 1861.—ENTRANCES will be received between the hours of 8 and 10 o'clock, at the Sir John Young Hotel, William-street, TO-MORROW (Friday) EVENING.

THOMAS HILL, hon. sec.

P.S.—Should the funds admit, the prizes will be increased rateably.

WALLSEND COAL.—The undersigned is prepared to deliver the above coal at any of the intercolonial and foreign ports with despatch.

T. G. SAWKINS, Exchange.

CURRENCY LASS HOTEL, Dining and Luncheon Rooms, Pitt and Hunter streets.—Daily Bill of Fare: Soups, fish, poultry, sucking pig, hot and cold joints, made dishes, pastry, &c. Open from 12 till 4.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, MANLY BEACH.—G. WATSON (of George's Restaurant, Pitt-street North) will provide first-class DINNERS and Luncheons, at 1s. per head, at the Manly Beach Tavern (late New Brighton Hotel).

ADGER'S (late with Mr. Deeper) Central Hairdressing Rooms, 410, George-street, north of King-street.

AUSTRALASIAN FREEMASONS' HALL HOTEL, 191, York-street, Sydney, ALFRED BRADFORD, proprietor. First-class accommodation for Gentlemen. Private families will at this Hotel find the comforts of a home.

CORNS EXTRACTED, without the slightest pain; defective nails, and all imparities of the feet, thoroughly cured, by Mr. ALEXANDER, chiropodist, 324, George-street, between King and Hunter streets.

CORNS.—Corns, Bunions, and Callosities, extracted without cutting, by W. EBEINSTEIN, Surgeon-Chiropodist. Attendance from 9 to 12, and 3 to 6. 375, George-street, next to Joint Stock Bank.

DEEPER, Hairdresser and Perfumer, 302, George-street, North of Hunter-street.

DR. BERNCASTLE, Surgeon and Oculist; at home from 9 to 11, 2 to 3, 6 to 8. 229, Macquarie-street.

D. BUIST and SON, Pianofortes, Harmoniums, Concertinas, Flutinas, &c., tuned and repaired, 254, George-street.

DEGOTARDI'S "Sydney Printing House," Robinhood-lane, opposite Margaret-street. Elegant, cheap, and expeditious printing.

F. W. COOK, Coal and Timber Merchant, Bathurst-street West.

FLARTER, Importer of Fancy Ware, Glass Shades, Toys, Perfumery, Drapery, &c., 78 and 80, South Head Road.

MR. ALEXANDER, Surgeon-chiropodist. Relieviated by the year. Charges moderate. 324, George-st.

MR. BENNETT, Dentist, 11, Hunter-street, pupil of Felix Weiss, Esq., M.C.D.E., London.

MONTAGUE HOUSE, Church-hill.—A superior private Boarding Establishment for Families and Gentlemen. The accommodation and arrangements are of the best description. Terms moderate.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.—W. DRYNAN and CO., from No. 143, Pitt-street, to No. 4, Wynyard-street, a few doors above Bank of New South Wales.

OBSERVATORY.—A limited number of VISITORS will, in future, be admitted one night in every month, from 8 to 10 o'clock. Cards of admission may be obtained from the Astronomer, any day, between nine and one o'clock. W. SCOTT.

PLEDGES left with C. JOBSON can be received from Mr. JOHN BENSON, Castlereagh-street.

PHRENOLOGY.—How you are; What you are and what you may become, faithfully answered by Mr. HAMILTON, 22 years practical Phrenologist, 309, George-street, over Caxton Printing Office. Charge, 5s.

ROYAL BLUE HOUSE.—Paperhangings by the bale, at 5½d. per roll.

TO SHIPPERS, Warehousemen, &c.—TENTS.—F. KENSETT (late C. S. Haigh), 51, William-st.

MONEY.—To be LENT on Mortgage, the following trust moneys—£2000, £800, £700, £500, £500, £300 at a moderate rate of interest.—Apply to Mr. W. W. BILLYARD. No. 32, Hunter-street, Sydney.

A STRONG, active LAD wanted. T. and W. BENNETT, 294, George-st., opposite Margaret-st.

A GENERAL SERVANT Wanted. Mrs. THOMPSON, 110, William-street.

A LADY and Gentleman, brother and sister, require BOARD and RESIDENCE in a private family, where there are no other lodgers. Address Q. B., HERALD Office.

A YOUNG LADY who has resided on the continent, and has had much experience in travelling on land and by sea, wishes to accompany a family, or take

Department of Public Works
Sydney, 17th December, 1861.

TENDERS for PUBLIC WORKS and SUPPLIES. —TENDERS are invited for the following Public Works and Supplies. For full particulars see GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, a file of which is kept at every police office in the colony.

No tender will be taken into consideration unless the name of the work for which it is intended be written on the cover.

Nature of Works and Supplies.	Date to which Tenders can be received at this Office.
Erection of Telegraph and Post Office, Mudgee	12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, 24th December.
Construction of a Landing Place, &c., for the Powder Magazine, Goat Island	
Erection of a Toll House on the Glebe Island Bridge	12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, 31st December.
Construction of a Tramway over Paddy's River Bridge	
Execution of certain alterations to the Court House, at Yass	12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, 7th January, 1862.

W. M. ARNOLD.

The Treasury, New South Wales,
14th December, 1861.

CONVEYANCE OF MAILS.—Conveyance being required for the Post Office Mails from and to the undermentioned places "for one or three years," from the 1st January, 1862, persons disposed to contract for providing the same are invited to transmit their offers, in writing, to the General Post Office, before 12 o'clock on MONDAY, the 23rd day of December instant, endorsed, "Tender for Conveyance of Mails."

WESTERN ROAD.

To and from Carcoar and Cowra, three times a week.

The conditions will be the same as those published in the notice of the 14th September last, and tenders will not be considered unless in accordance therewith.

E. C. WEEKES.

The Treasury, New South Wales,
16th December, 1861.

CONVEYANCE OF MAILS.—Conveyance being required for the Post Office mails from and to the undermentioned places "for one or three years," from the 1st January, 1862, persons disposed to contract for providing the same are invited to transmit their offers in writing to the General Post Office, before 12 o'clock, on FRIDAY, 27th December instant, endorsed, "Tender for conveyance of Mails."

SOUTHERN ROAD.

To and from Braidwood, Araluen, Mullenderree, and Moruya, via Reidsdale, twice a week.

The conditions will be the same as those published in the notice of the 14th September last, and tenders will not be considered unless in accordance therewith.

E. C. WEEKES.

AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT SOCIETY.
Established January 1, 1849.
Principal Office, Sydney, New South Wales.

AGENTS AND MEDICAL REFEREES.

Agents.	Medical Referees.
ARMIDALE—	
John Moore, Esq.	J. B. West, Esq.
BATHURST—	
C. W. Croaker, Esq.	R. Machattie, Esq.
KIAMA—	
Robert Stobo, Esq.	
GOULBURN—	
Isaac Fox, Esq.,	R. Waugh, Esq.
MAITLAND—	
Robert Blair, Esq.	Andrew Liddell, Esq.
NEWCASTLE—	
W. K. Lochhead, Esq.	Dr. Bowker.
PARRAMATTA—	
E. L. Rowling, Esq.	R. Greenup, Esq., M.D.
PENRITH—	
Richard Brookes, Esq.	T. B. Haylock, Esq.
PORT MACQUARIE—	
J. B. Hoare, Esq.	C. U. D. Schrader, Esq.

☞ Medical Referees are appointed in most of the towns in the Country districts.

☞ The attention of assurers is requested to the following important privileges granted by the Legislature to the Members of this Society and to them only :—

All its Policies are protected against the operation of the Insolvent Laws, after a certain term, on a gradually increasing scale.

Policies effected by married women are protected against the debts and control of their husbands.

The families of small assurers are saved the expense of letters of administration.

Prospectuses, forms of proposal, and every information may be obtained from any of the above-mentioned gentlemen, or at the Principal Office.

ROBERT THOMSON, Actuary and Secretary.

FIRE INSURANCE.—Office, corner of Pitt and Hunter streets, Sydney. Incorporated by Act of Council, 18 Vict., 1855.
SYDNEY INSURANCE COMPANY.
Capital ..... £250,000.
DIRECTORS :—
THOMAS HOLT, Esq., M.L.A., CHAIRMAN
M. E. MURNIN, Esq., DEPUTY-CHAIRMAN
RICHARD JONES, Esq.,
JOHN FAIRFAX, Esq.
The Hon. S. D. GORDON, Esq., M.L.C.
T. C. BREILLAT, Esq.
Surveyor—JAMES HUME, Esq.
Secretary—MR. JOSEPH DYER.

The Sydney Insurance Company issues policies for protection against fire, for sums ranging from £10 to £10,000. The subscribed capital is £250,000, with unlimited liability of a large and wealthy colonial proprietary. The rates of insurance range from 2s. per cent. to 6s. 6d. per cent., for brick or stone dwellings, and from 4s. 6d. to 12s. 6d. per cent. for brick or stone shops, stores, and places of business. Wooden buildings are charged special rates. Losses promptly settled. £27,000 has been paid by this Company for fire losses within the past five years. Small accidents, from fires in dwellings or shops, are recognised as claims, and equitably settled. This being a colonial institution, the whole of the profits are retained in the colony, instead of being transmitted to England.

Further information can be obtained, and applications will be filled up without any expense to the applicant, at the Offices, corner of Pitt and Hunter streets, Sydney.

ROYAL FIRE and LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY of LIVERPOOL and LONDON.
Capital, £2,000,000.
SYDNEY AGENCY.
FIRE DEPARTMENT.

This company has ever maintained a high character for its liberal and prompt payment of losses, and the undersigned are empowered to settle all claims in the colony.

RATES OF PREMIUM.

CLASS 1ST.—Brick or stone buildings, slated, metal, or shingled roofs, occupied as dwelling or counting houses only, from 3s. to 6s. 6d. per cent. per annum.

CLASS 2ND.—Brick or stone buildings, slated, metal, or shingled roofs, occupied for storing merchandise, or for purposes of trade, from 4s. 6d. to 10s. per cent. per annum; and for retail trades in advance of 1£ per cent. upon the published rates.

CLASS 3RD.—Wooden buildings, in Sydney and suburbs, 15s. to 25s. per cent. per annum.

Surveyor—John Bibb, Esq.

LIFE BRANCH.

At the last annual meeting of this company a bonus was again declared to the policy holders (insured with profits) equivalent to 2 per cent. on the amount of their policies for each year they have been current—a continuation of success never, we believe, exceeded by any life office.

The Actuary's report describes the statistical and monetary position of the company's Life Branch from the commencement, and exhibits an increase of business to an extent beyond the most sanguine anticipations which had previously been formed.

English rates of premium charged.

Life claims settled in the colony without reference to England.

Medical Referee—Dr. O'Brien, M.R.C.S.

Prospectuses, tables of rates, and forms of proposal, with the fullest information, will be furnished on application to LIDDLEY, IRELAND, and CO., agents Lloyd's Chambers, George-street.

THE EUROPEAN ASSURANCE SOCIETY, for Life Assurance and Fidelity Guarantee.
SYDNEY BRANCH, 32, Hunter-street.
Established in 1854.
LOCAL DIRECTORS :
George Thornton, Esq.; J. G. Waller, Esq.; G. O. Allan, Esq.
MEDICAL REFEREES :
Charles Muller, Esq., M.D.; Alfred Roberts, Esq.
BANKERS :
English, Scottish, and Australian Chartered Bank.
LONDON BOARD :
President, The Right Hon. Thomas Milner Gibson, M.P.
Chairman, Henry Wickham Wickham, Esq., M.P.
Trustees { James Heywood, Esq., F.R.S., M.P. / Richard Spooner, Esq., M.P. / Joshua P. B. Westhead, Esq., M.P.

The European Assurance Society guarantees the fidelity of persons holding Government and other situations of trust.

Lives assured at rates of premium unusually favourable to assurers.

Policy holders on the "with profits" scale have the advantage of a share in the profits of an extensive English business (the annual premiums on which amount to upwards of £140,000) without any liability of partnership.

Life Assurance combined with Guarantee confers great advantages upon the assured, by the reduction allowed on the life assurance premiums.

Policy holders leaving Sydney can have their policies transferred to the London Office, or any of the numerous agencies throughout Great Britain and the colonies.

Forms of proposal and every information can be obtained upon application to

FREDK. J. JACKSON, Resident Secretary.
32, Hunter-street.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
Established upwards of half a century.
Capital, £1,000,000
Income, £170,000.
Real to meet unusual loss, £200,000.

Dwellings, counting-house, and furniture, &c.,
Stores and buildings in which trades are carried on.
Ships in harbour or in dock.
Insured at very moderate premiums.

Losses from fire and lightning made good, and all claims, on adjustment, paid in Sydney.

GRIFFITHS, FANNING, and CO., agents, Spring-street.

SYDNEY BRANCH.—The COLONIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF VICTORIA, empowered by Act of Parliament.

For insurance from fire, the assurance of lives, and the guarantee of fidelity in situations of trust.

Agents for Sydney—COOK and COMPANY, Wynyard-square.

THE LIVERPOOL AND LONDON FIRE AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.
LIFE DEPARTMENT.

The premiums received in this department in 1859, amounted to £127,415.

The Directors invite attention to the following advantages afforded by the Company to persons taking out Policies on the lives of themselves and others :—

PREMIUMS on plans adapted to the various wants of the public, INCLUDING AMONG OTHERS THE HALF-PREMIUM SYSTEM PECULIAR TO THIS COMPANY.

BONUSES declared and guaranteed when the Policy is applied for.

NO LIABILITY OF PARTNERSHIP the Bonuses not being contingent upon profits.

The Bonuses, after ten annual payments, may be applied to a future reduction of premiums.

SURRENDER of Policies favourably dealt with.

THIRTY DAYS allowed for the RENEWAL of Policies.

CLAIMS payable in three months after proof of DEATH, but, if wished, freely discounted in ordinary cases.

ANNUITIES, present and deferred, at liberal rates.

ENDOWMENTS of Children and Adults; the rates of Premium are on a moderate scale.

REVERSIONARY AND CONTINGENT Interests purchased on equitable terms.

Prospectuses, with detailed rates for Fire and Life Insurance, &c., on application to

A. STANGER LEATHES, Resident Secretary,
Margaret-street, Wynyard-square.

THE LIVERPOOL AND LONDON FIRE AND LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.
Empowered by Acts of Parliament.
Established in 1836.
Having a Colonial Propriety, and the following Board of Directors in Sydney.
J. S. Willis, Esq., Chairman

Hon. G. K. Holden, Esq., M.L.C.	Hon. J. B. Watt, Esq., M.L.C.
Edward Knox, Esq.	B. Buchanan, Esq.
Hon. E. D. Thomson, Esq., C.B.	

Medical Referees :
Hon. John Macfarlane, Esq., M.D.,
Joseph Burgon, Esq., M.R.C.S.
Surveyor, F. H. Grundy, Esq., C.E.

Capital subscribed exceeding £1,380,000
Accumulated Funds and Capital paid up, exceeding £1,213,600
Of which £200,000 are invested in the colonies in Government and other securities.
Reserve Surplus Fund, £250,000—with unlimited liability of the shareholders.
The Directors continue to grant Policies of Insurance in Town or country in both departments of the Company's business, upon terms which will be found as liberal as those of any other office.
Tables of Rates for Fire and Life Insurance, in all its branches, and every information can be obtained from A. STANGER LEATHES, Resident Secretary, at the Offices, Wynyard-square, Sydney

VICTORIA FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.
(Established in Melbourne 1849.)
SYDNEY BRANCH—Pitt-street, opposite the Empire Office.
Accumulated and Invested Capital, £300,000.
SYDNEY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
A. B. SMITH, Esq., Chairman.
EDWARD WYLD, Esq.
CHAIRMAN OF THE MELBOURNE BOARD.
The Hon. HENRY MILLER, M.L.C.
SPECIAL FEATURES :
AMPLE SECURITY, MODERATE RATES OF PREMIUM, and the LIBERAL ADJUSTMENT and PROMPT SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS.
Marine Claims settled in SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, or at the LONDON BRANCH of the COMPANY; at the option of the insurer.
Insurances effected, and policies at once issued on application to
C. M. SMITH, Resident Secretary.

LOYAL ST. JOHN'S LODGE, I.O.O.F., M.U., Newtown.—TENDERS are required for a duly qualified MEDICAL DOCTOR, to attend and supply with medicines about 70 members of the above Lodge. Tenders to state at what price per member per quarter. Tenders to be sent in, addressed to N.G., on or before the 5th January, 1862. For further particulars, apply to J. TALBOTT, N.G., opposite the Cemetery, Newtown.

SYDNEY INFIRMARY.—TENDERS are requested for the supply of the undermentioned articles of consumption for the use of the Infirmary from the 1st January, 1862, to 31st December—

Bread, flour, and maize meal
Meat (beef and mutton), the beef to be without bone
Potatoes, best quality
Milk
Coals (best screened coals)
Coffins.

The articles must be of good quality, and delivered as required.

Particulars may be ascertained on application to the matron.

The tenders, with samples of the bread and flour, to be sent in on or before MONDAY, the 23rd December, at noon, addressed to the joint hon. secretaries,

Rev. JOHN DOUGALL,
M. H. STEPHEN, Esq.

TENDERS received up to the 23rd instant, for a supply of Coal, Mimmi preferred, to the Manly Beach steamers, during the next twelve months, commencing from the 1st January 1862. A daily delivery required, from one to five tons, in bags of 1 cwt. each, on board, at the Jetty, Dowling-street, Woolloomooloo, or Circular Quay. Payment in cash at end of each month. Address Captain S. H. WILSON, Box 88.

TWO PLASTERERS.—TENDERS required, for Plastering a HOUSE, 94, Buckingham-street, Cleveland Paddock.

TWO GENTLEMEN leaving the Colony and Parties wishing to DISPOSE of their HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS.—The undersigned, having been for many years practically acquainted with AUCTIONEERING in all its branches, undertake sales of household furniture, plate, glassware, books, carriages, horses, &c., and advance (when required) the probable amount the same will realise, without any extra charge for so doing, thus enabling gentlemen to occupy their houses until the day of their departure, the auctioneers placing any surplus funds in the hands of their agents.

Having been favoured with many important sales from influential gentlemen, we have received many flattering testimonials from them expressing their entire satisfaction at sales thus effected; and from the very liberal support which we have undoubtedly received, we trust that the public have appreciated our endeavours to obtain the best prices possible for goods entrusted to us for sale.

Inventories taken and catalogues prepared without charge.

Sales effected privately, when parties object to the publicity of an auction sale.

Cash advanced on every description of merchandise.

WALTER BRADLEY and CO., the old Bank of Australasia, 239, George-street.

PRODUCE STORES.—Messrs. DURHAM and IRWIN are prepared to receive wool, sheepskins, tallow, hides, &c., for sale by auction or privately, at their Produce Stores, Circular Quay.

Liberal advances made on wool, sheepskins, tallow, and hides consigned to them for sale or shipment.

Circular Quay, 1st October.

MESSRS. FARMER and PAINTER have made, for the convenience of customers, an ENTRANCE to their premises from George-street, by the gateway, No. 448, near st to Market-street, which is now available to the public desirous of entering or leaving their premises from or to George-street.

REDUCTION IN PRICE OF GAS, and Rent of Meters.—Notice is hereby given that from the first day of January next the charge for gas supplied by this company will be reduced at the rate of two shillings per thousand cubic feet on consumption by meter, and at an average rate of ten per cent on inside lights taken by contract.

The charge for hire and repair of meters will also be reduced from the same date, at an average rate of twenty-four to twenty-five per cent.

By order of the Board,

E. MANSFIELD.
Australian Gas-light Company's Office, 13th November.

FREEMAN, BROTHERS, Photographers, by appointment, to his Excellency the Governor-General.—Portraits taken in Messrs. FREEMAN'S new and spacious gallery, at reduced prices, by the most approved photographic processes, and artistically coloured. Children taken instantaneously. Photographic views of Sydney for home presents. 392, George street.

MORISON'S PILLS and OINTMENT.—At no season of the year are preventatives to disease more imperatively demanded than at the present. The excessive heat causes the decomposition of animal and vegetable matters, when exhalations arise, and, mixing with the atmosphere, enter the blood through the medium of the lungs. Morison's Ointment well rubbed upon the chest twice a day penetrates to those vital organs, and with the assistance of the pills, which purify the blood, prevent all morbid taints which would otherwise give rise to serious maladies.—Prepared at the British College of Health, Euston Road, London, and sold by most respectable chymists in every part of the world.

FRAMPTON'S PILL OF HEALTH.—This excellent Family Pill is a medicine of long-tried efficacy for purifying the blood, as very essential for the foundation of good health, and correcting all disorders of the stomach and bowels. Two or three doses will convince the afflicted of its salutary effects. The stomach will speedily regain its strength; a healthy action of the liver, bowels, and kidneys will rapidly take place; and renewed health will be the quick result of taking this medicine, according to the directions accompanying each box.

Persons of a full habit, who are subject to headache, giddiness, drowsiness, and singing in the ears, arising from too great a flow of blood to the head, should never be without them, as many dangerous symptoms will be entirely carried off by their timely use.

For females, these pills are truly excellent, removing all obstructions, the distressing headache so very prevalent with the sex, depression of spirits, dulness of sight, nervous affections, blotches, pimples, and sallowness of the skin, and give a healthy, juvenile bloom to the complexion.

To mothers they are confidently recommended as the best medicine that can be taken; and for children of all ages they are unequalled.

These pills unite the recommendation of a mild operation with the most successful effect; and for elderly people, or where an occasional aperient is required, nothing can be better adapted.

Her Majesty's Commissioners have authorised the name and address of "Thomas Prout, No. 229, Strand, London," to be impressed upon the Government stamps affixed to each box of the genuine medicine.

Sold in England at 1s. 1½d. and 2s. 9d. per box.

Agents for Sydney, Messrs. FOSS, SON, and CO.

DINNEFORD'S PURE FLUID MAGNESIA has been, during twenty-five years, emphatically sanctioned by the Medical Profession, and universally accepted by the public as the best remedy for acidity of the stomach, heartburn, headache, gout, and indigestion, and as a mild aperient for delicate constitutions, more especially for ladies and children. Combined with the Acidulated Lemon Syrup, it form an agreeable effervescing draught, in which its aperient qualities are much increased. During hot seasons and, above all, in hot climates, the regular use of this simple and elegant remedy has been found highly beneficial. Manufactured (with the utmost attention to strength and purity), by DINNEFORD and CO., 172, New Bond-street, London, and sold by all respectable chemists throughout the Empire.

WORM LOZENGES.—These Lozenges, after several years' trial, have been found to supersede every other kind of medicine for the expulsion of worms; and, from their greater efficacy, facility of being administered to children, and their entire freedom from the injurious components of other worm medicines, have now become a universal remedy. Prepared only by A. J. WATT and CO., 554, George-street South.

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One FOUR-CYLINDER MACHINE, guaranteed speed 4000 per hour; cost set down in London Docks, £800; cash price, £500.

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D. J. and CO. respectfully invite ladies to inspect the following—

MILLINERY DEPARTMENT.

Millinery, straw, and crinoline bonnets
Trimmed ditto, ditto, hats
Wreaths, head dresses, flowers
Hair nets, aluminium and silver ornaments.

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Rich moire antique, all colours
Ditto Irish poplins
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Honiton, Maltese, and Valenciennes sets
Black real lace flats
White ditto ditto, very rich
Honiton lace handkerchiefs, crowns and lappets
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Zouave vests and habit shirts
Areophanes and crapes, in WHITE, and fashionable colours
Bookmuslin collars and cuffs
Lawn and cambric ditto
Linen sets, plain and fancy
Children's frilled collars
Hemstitched cambric handkerchiefs
Grass lawn and French cambric ditto
French ditto embroidered, with black borders
Crape collars and cuffs, with aluminium and fancy brooches, studs, &c.
Half-mourning collars and sleeves.

345 and 347, George-street.
Carriage entrance, 1, Barrack-street.

JOSEPHINE KID GLOVES, ex mail steamer Northam.—FRANCIS GILES and CO., have received, ex the above late arrival,
Ladies' Josephine gloves, in dark, light, and fancy colours
Also white, black, and black sewn fancy colours
Children's ditto, all sizes, white, black, and coloured.

THE CHEAPEST HOUSE for MANTLES in Sydney is JOHN HALBERT'S, 88, King-street.
Ladies' black glace mantles, £1 1s.
Ditto black glace paletots, £1 9s. 6d., £1 12s. 6d., and £1 15s. 6d.
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500 mohair, tissue, and grenadine mantles and paletots, from 5s. 11d. to 14s. 6d.

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DAWSON, EAGAR, and CO. would solicit gentlemen who have received the customary invitations for the present festive season, to favour them with a call prior to refurnishing their wardrobes. D. E. and Co.'s cut and fit have long been acknowledged; their stock of fabrics for gentlemen's garments, is as extensive and varied as any in the city, while their charges are most moderate. They have just received some choice black cassimeres for trousers, and West of England Broads for coats, fine and light for the warm weather. Angolas for suits, and silk warps for summer sacs, can be strongly recommended.

The usual assortment of dress shirts, tom thumb ties, French braces and gloves, handkerchiefs, hosiery, and men's mercery, at Commerce House, 406 and 408, George-street.

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Ladies' worked muslin sets
Ditto Maltese lace ditto
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Saxony, Maltese, and Valenciennes edgings and laces
Belts, ribbons, and neckties
The real French Josephine kid gloves
The new Lisle glove and gauntlet, the only thing for a picnic
Summer hats, mantles, dresses, and shawls.

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CHRISTMAS PRESENTS and NEW YEAR'S GIFTS.—A large and pleasing variety from 5s. to £5.

Fancy bracelets	Morocco bags
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Portfolios	Gold studs and sleeve links
Pearl and ivory tablets	Gold scarf pins
Ivory and silver pencils	Royal portraits
Cut glass perfume bottles	Belt clasps and brooches
Real tortoiseshell combs	Head dress pins
Rich crepe and silk fans	Aluminium solitaires
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LEWIS (late Pillet), Kid Glove Depot, 10, Hunter-st.

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PARRAMATTA.—Public Notice.—C. A. BERNASCONI, draper, &c., at Harvey's-building, begs to inform his friends, and the public in general, that he has taken, for the term of several years, those extensive and most convenient old-established business premises lately occupied by Mr. J. Golledge, opposite the Red Cow, George-street, Parramatta, where he intends to have them open on the 2nd of January, 1862 (D.V.), with an unprecedented varied assortment of drapery, clothing, boots and shoes, particular notice of which will appear in a future advertisement.

C. A. B. begs to call particular attention to the fact that, in order to save trouble in removing, his present stock will be sold off, up to Christmas, at a fearful sacrifice—boots and shoes at half-price.

An early call solicited—don't delay.

AMERICAN FLAX SAC COATS, 3s. 6d.; Black Alpaca Sacs, 6s. 6d.; Tweed Suits, from 29s.; the new Hat, just opened, 9s. 6d.; Angola Tweed Trousers, all wool, 12s. 6d. At BUCK'S, 19, William-street.

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1 case parachutes, iron handles, 6s. 6d.
1 case gold belts, 1s. 9d.; best quality, 2s. 6d.
4 cases flounced muslins, 16 yards, 5s. 11d.
1 case French muslins, 6½d., worth 1s.
2 cases flounced barèges 18 yards, 7s. 11d.
1 case challie robes, 18 yards, 9s. 6d.
2 cases black silk paletots and mantles
4 cases French bonnet ribbons, 7½d., worth 1s. 6d.
1 case spotted falls, ribbon bound, 3½d.
1 case gents' Jouvin's kid gloves, 1s. 6d.
2 cases gents' neckties, 1s., worth 2s. 6d.
1 case garden straw hats, 1s 11d., worth 4s. 6d.
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Ladies are respectfully invited to inspect the above lot of goods, all new; bought for cash this week.

Lincolnshire House, 307, George-street.

HORROCKS' LONGCLOTH
Patent ditto ditto
India ditto ditto
Grey calicoes
White and coloured dimities
Pink cambric
Cotton tick
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Linen ditto
Huckabacks
Diapers
Cheese cloths
Table covers
Crape coatings
Checked and hair cord muslin
Nainsook and mull ditto
Pale book muslin
Black ditto ditto
9 8 and 5-4 prints
Regatta shirting
Plain and checked glass cloths
Rough brown hollands
Dressed ditto ditto
Checked holland
Russia crash
House flannels
Solid check ginghams
Plain French delaines
Brown and white drill
Brown and white Turkish towels
Tapestry and Axminster rugs
Real Welsh flannel
White and coloured saxony ditto
Imitation Welsh ditto
Swiss spot and sprig muslin
Spun silk handkerchiefs
Real silk corahs
Black silk ducape handkerchiefs
Children's and Habit's kid gloves
Gentlemen's ditto ditto
Men's brown cotton half-hose
Ditto ditto ditto shirts and pants
Men's white cotton half-hose
Ditto ditto ditto hose
Maids' and women's ditto ditto
Girls', maids', and women's stays
Brown and white straw hats
Men's panama hats
Ditto Cabbagetree ditto
Gingham and silk umbrellas
Elastic belts
Madder and Turkey cotton pockets
Turkey twill cambric
4-4 Forfar sheeting
Millers' and drab moleskins
Slate union holland
White union holland
Croydon and Wigan sheetings
Boar's head crochet cotton
Whitey-brown and black thread
Prepared whalebone
Men's Scotch twill shirts
Ditto white shirts, w. and b.
Boys' and youths' ditto ditto
Ditto ditto regatta ditto
Men's fancy regatta ditto
Men's fancy doe trousers
Ditto ditto tweed ditto
Men's and boys' black doe trousers, &c., &c., &c.

The undersigned, having completed the extensive additions to their wholesale stores, beg to call the attention of Squatters, Storekeepers, and other large buyers of Drapery and Clothing, to the extensive assortment lately received, and now on sale by them.

Entrances, No. 180, Pitt-street, down the gateway, adjoining Messrs. Elliott, Brothers, and at 376 and 378, George-street.

FRANCIS GILES and COMPANY.

NEW GOODS, per MAIL—Real Spanish, Maltese, and point black lace mantles, large sizes, from 10s 6d, to 10 guineas
New plain glaces
New imperial glace noir
New coloured and white oriental ribbons, all widths
New portemonnaies for Christmas presents
Parachutes, best Josephine gloves, new shapes in stays, &c.

FARMER and PAINTER.

DAVID JONES and CO. have just received, per Isles of the South—

8 Cases of
Boys' and youths' white shirts for ages 1, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 years
Ditto ditto regatta ditto ditto ditto
Ditto ditto white and mixed straw hats ditto ditto ditto
Ditto ditto fancy tweed suits ditto ditto ditto.

The above, having been manufactured expressly for their family trade, are of a very superior quality.

345, and 347, George-street. Carriage entrance, 1, Barrack-street.

700 PIECES BEAURGARD'S MOHAIR, this texture, very silky, choice colour; they are well worth 18d., but are to be cleared out at 10½d. Patterns sent by post to all parts. GEORGE CHISHOLM and CO., next Post Office.

THE FRENCH KID GLOVE WAREHOUSE.—Jouvin and Josephine kid gloves, ex mail steamer
Ladies' and gentlemen's
Medium shade browns
Delicate choice ditto green
Lavender, puce
White and straw, black.

HOBSON and WHITING, 67, Hunter-street.

B. MOUNTCASTLE, in returning thanks to his friends the public for the many years' patronage he has received at their hands, begs to inform them that his extensive alterations are now completed, and he is thus enabled to make room for large shipments, ex late arrivals, of first-class HATS of every description, which he intends to sell at a considerable reduction for cash.

A large stock of gold and silver cord and lace livery bands, military and navy ornaments, &c.

Every description of hats and caps made to order.

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WOOLLENS, West of England make, by piece, or cut, at low rates. J. EXTON, 15, Hunter-street.

TO THE PUBLIC.—CHRISTMAS BOOTS and SHOES.—The undersigned has just received very large shipments, ex late arrivals, of first-class boots and shoes, which he has determined to offer to the public at prices to suit the times; in fact, he is compelled to dispose of them speedily on account of extensive alterations which are to be made in the premises in January next, and to make room for further large shipments daily expected.

The stock now comprises every article required for the present season of the year, and all the latest fashions and improvements

JAMES VICKERY, 375, George-street, Sydney.

PUBLIC NOTICE.—Only a few days longer.—The proprietor of Stafford House Boot and Shoe Establishment, No. 474, George-street, Sydney, begs to assure the public that this establishment will positively close on Christmas Eve, up to which time unprecedented bargains in every description of BOOTS and SHOES will be offered; in fact, no reasonable offer will be refused. The premises having been re-let to another tenant, possession must be given on the 31st instant.

In order not to keep customers waiting, additional assistants have been engaged for the few remaining days, and purchasers are requested to come as early in the day as possible. The stock still consists of a large quantity of first-class articles, especially—

Gents' wellingtons, of all descriptions	Ladies' coloured lace boots
	Ditto ditto elastic-sides
Ditto elastic-side boots	Black ditto ditto
Ditto calf bluchers	Ditto military heels
Ditto goloshes and slippers	Ladies' kid boots and shoes
Boys' elastic-sides	Ditto assorted slippers
Ditto bluchers	Girls' and children's goods, of every description.

Remember final day of closing—Christmas Eve.

Stafford House, 474, George-street.

HART'S ADELAIDE Fine FLOUR, for SALE. HENRY H. BEAUCHAMP, 14, Barrack-street.

WHEAT, 2000 bushels prime old Werrnambool, for SALE, ex Yarra. HENRY H. BEAUCHAMP, 14, Barrack-street.

FOR SALE, soda water and gingerbeer Delivery CART. SAGE, MILLER, and CO., 52, New Pitt-street North.

VINEGAR, Best French White Wine, wood and bottle. SAGE, MILLER, and CO., 52, New Pitt-street North.

OLD PORT.—Hermida, 6-grape, vintage 1851.—Connoisseurs are respectfully invited to taste this delicious wine, which competent judges have declared very much superior to the best samples generally imported. In cases of pints and quarts, to suit purchasers, at SAGE, MILLER, and CO.'S, 52, New Pitt-street North.

MAIZE.—1000 Bushels for SALE, 7s. per bushel, 60 lbs. W. DALTON, Market Wharf.

WOOLPACKS.—30 bales, each 50 10-lb. woolpacks, best quality, and warranted full weight
4 bales best sewing twine
5 cases Scrby's sheep shears
½ ton Turkey stone.

HEDALE and CO., opposite the Markets.

CORN SHELLERS.—Double-wheel large hoppers, made expressly for this colony.

PLOUGHS.—American, Eagle, and Garden, ex Buena Vista, 8, HEBBLEWHITE, 292, Pitt-street.

TWINE.—To Grocers and others.—Every description of Twine—just opened 5 cases, at ABRAHAM'S.

KEEP GOOD TIME.—Secure one of ABRAHAM'S eight-day Brass Timepieces, 12s. 6d., warranted.

AMERICAN BALLOONS, to be had only at C. and J. ABRAHAM'S, 77, King-street—2d. each.

A DONKEY for 1s 3d.; Horses, 1s.; Wax Doll, 6d.; Wood ditto, 1d.; Box Soldiers, 6d.

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FOR SALE.—Soda caustic, in iron casks
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ARROWROOT, finest quality, in packages 20 lbs. upwards, 4½d per lb. H. S. BIRD, Circular Quay.

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OIL.—Kerosene and Chinese Oil, in tins. A. TANGE and CO., 87, York-street, Wynyard-square.

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ASSORTED TOYS, Box Toys, Crying Dolls, Coloured Glassware. LENDER, MULLER, and CO.

TWO-HORSE AMERICAN THRASHING MACHINES, £30; one-horse ditto, £25. S. HEBBLEWHITE, 292, Pitt-street.

TWO STEAM THRESHING-MACHINES, with Portable Engines complete, for SALE by WILLIAM PLANT, Willow-Tree Plough Depot, No. 136, York-street.

FOR SALE.—A highly finished compound Steam Engine, of twenty-horse power, with multi-tubular boiler, by Benjamin Hick and Son, Bolton.

One eight-horse power portable steam engine.

One first-class self-acting circular saw bench, with saws complete.

One portable flour mill, with two pair of 3 feet 6 inch stones.

A quantity of stable fittings, with enamelled water troughs, mangers.

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ASHDOWN and CO.'S GREAT CLEARING-OUT SALE,
Previous to the ERECTION, in January next, of NEW and ENLARGED PREMISES, on the site of those now occupied.

An opportunity is offered to the public of purchasing goods of superior quality, at extremely low prices.

BATHS.

Pillar shower baths, complete, from £5 10s.
Hand ditto, from 5s. 6d.
Sponge ditto, from 18s.
Hip and sitz ditto, from 25s.
Slipper ditto, from 40s.
Children's ditto, from 10s. 6d.
Foot ditto, from 6s. 6d.
Toilet sets, from 25s.
Portable washstands, from 25s.
Best Turkey sponge, 1s. 9d. per ounce. Also
Lyons' sausage machines, No. 2, 35s.; No. 3, 45s.; No. 5, 75s.

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Consisting of
Saucepans, stewpans, preserving-pans
Spittoons, &c.
Fenders, of various kinds
Copper coal scuttles, from 25s. each, &c.

PLATED GOODS,

From Elkington's, J. Dixon and Sons, and other best Sheffield Manufacturers.

An opportunity is now presented to the public of selecting and purchasing, from the largest collection in the colony, plated ware of the best description, and most elegant designs, and for which this establishment has, for so many years, been celebrated.

Consisting of
Epergnes
Candelabra
Dish covers
Side dishes
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Liqueur, egg, and cruet stands
Pillar candlesticks, with and without shades
Chamber ditto, ditto ditto
Piano ditto
Snuffers and trays
Toast racks
Butter coolers
Spoons, forks, &c.

At and under cost price.

GUNS,
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SPORTING TACKLE, &c., &c.

Prince's breech-loading rifles, reduced to £

LAW.

SUPREME COURT.—WEDNESDAY.
SITTINGS IN BANCO.

BEFORE the full Court.

EX PARTE THE REVEREND JOHN WEST IN RE COLLINS.—HABEAS CORPUS.

This was an application by writ of *habeas corpus* for a production of the body of one "Tommy," an aboriginal boy, alleged, on the affidavit of Mr. David Russell, of Gloucester-street, Sydney, printer, to be, as the latter believed, unlawfully detained by Mr. Alexander Collins, a squatter, at present residing in Paddington.

Mr. Faucett and Mr. Milford appeared in support of the writ, and Mr. Isaacs for the respondent.

The following was the return made by Mr. Collins.

"I, Alexander Keith Collins, the person named in the annexed writ, and therein called Alexander Collins, do hereby humbly certify and return to our Sovereign Lady the Queen in obedience to the said writ that the therein-named Tommy was brought to me in the month of September last, in Queensland, by his father, and was then and there left by his said father with me, and was so left with me with the free will both of his said father and himself. The said father of the said Tommy remained with me and the other white people with whom I was then travelling for one night after he brought the said Tommy to me, and on the following morning the said father of the said Tommy went away, leaving the said Tommy with me. And he so went away, leaving the said Tommy with me after signs had been made by me and the said other white people with me to him (and which signs I believe he understood), indicating that we were about travelling away a long distance with the said Tommy, in reply to which signs the said father of the said Tommy made signs to us, which I and the said other white people with me understood to indicate that he was going away with his tribe in an opposite direction, and thereupon the said father of the said Tommy went away, leaving the said Tommy with me. The said father of the said Tommy never came back for, or in any way required me to deliver the said Tommy back to him, nor did the said Tommy, or his said father, in any way, manifest any desire that the said Tommy should not remain and go away with me, and the said Tommy came to and remained, and came away with me with the free consent of himself and his said father. The said Tommy proceeded with me of his own free will, to Sydney aforesaid, where he now remains with me of his own free will. The said Tommy now lives with me, and under my care, and I maintain Him, and provide him with lodging, food, clothing, and other necessaries. And I have his body now ready, as by the said writ I am commanded."

Mr. Faucett having stated that he desired to controvert the truth of the return, some discussion arose as to how this was to be done. It was held that in order to have the Court properly seized of the case, the return must be filed. Upon the motion of Mr. Faucett, it was then ordered to be filed.

Mr. Faucett next moved for a reference to some officer of the Court to take evidence as to the truth of the return, and after some argument the Court permitted Mr. Russell's affidavit to be read as a basis of this application, overruling an objection to the reading of such affidavit upon the ground that no copy of it had been served on the respondent.

The affidavit was in the following terms.

"On the 14th day of December, in the year 1861, David Russell, of No. 158, Gloucester-street, Church-hill, in the city of Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, printer, being sworn, maketh oath and saith as follows:

"1. On the afternoon of Friday, the 1st day of November last, I was present at the Artillery ball practice on Fort Denison, where I saw a squatter of the name of Alexander Collins, now, as I am informed and verily believe, residing at Paddington, with whom I was quite familiar by sight, although I had never spoken to him. He had with him two aboriginal boys. The younger he called Tommy, and the other I have heard called Archie.

"2. When the firing began the younger boy, Tommy, appeared dreadfully frightened, and appeared desirous to run away, but was restrained by the said Alexander Collins.

"3. I spoke to the said boy, Tommy, and he did not answer me, and appeared not to understand what I said to him, and the said Alexander Collins then said, 'He can't understand you. He never saw a white face until within the last two or three weeks, that fellow,' pointing to the boy Tommy, 'belongs to the tribe that killed Wills.' I then asked the said Alexander Collins how he got the boy. He replied, 'I came upon them. I ran or rode them down.' I then asked the said Alexander Collins, if the boy's father and mother allowed him, the said Alexander Collins, to take the boy, and he replied, 'd——n it, I never asked them.' I said, "they (meaning the boy's parents) will be glad to see him when he gets back again." The said Alexander Collins replied, 'They'll never see him again.' The said Alexander Collins further informed me that he had taken another boy from the tribe to which the boy Tommy belonged at the time he took the latter, but had since given the other boy to a person named Charles Cox. He further added that he had been offered £30 for the boy Tommy since he had had him in his possession, but had refused to accept such offer.

"4. I have been informed, and verily believe it to be true, that the said aboriginal native boy, called Tommy, was carried off from his parents and tribe, and is detained by the said Alexander Collins against his will, and by coercion."

Mr. Milford having followed on the same side,

Mr. Isaacs contended that such an enquiry would be fruitless and oppressive. It would be fruitless, because Mr. Collins set up no claim to the boy, but simply produced him in obedience to the writ, expressing a perfect willingness, through his counsel, to let the Court deal with the matter as they thought fit. Consequently there was nothing calling for further enquiry. It would be oppressive because the being no real need of enquiry, such enquiry could only be sought with some ulterior object, and for the Court to constitute some separate tribunal for such a purpose would be to pass that point at which the necessary administration of law ended and tyranny began. Mr. Collins would, he presumed, be advised—such at all events would be the advice which he (Mr. Isaacs) would give—not to be a party to any such proceeding, although he was instructed that Mr. Collins was quite able to answer this charge if properly called upon to do so.

Their Honors enquired of the Attorney-General whether, in the event of their directing the removal of the boy from the charge of Mr. Collins, the Crown was prepared practically to assist the Court by taking charge of him.

The Attorney-General suggested that perhaps this duty attached more properly to the Court in the exercise of those powers which attached in England to the Lord Chancellor.

After some further discussion, however, it was stated that the Crown would be prepared, if necessary, to take charge of the boy, the real question being not as to legal guardianship, but as to the obligation of providing board and lodging which, it was admitted, belonged, in such a case as this, to the Government.

The Court did not deem it necessary to call upon Mr. Faucett.

Their Honors were proceeding to deliver judgment, when some further discussion arose, as to whether Mr. Isaacs had intimated an intention to advise his client not to answer the affidavit of Mr. Russell, or to seek an extension of time for that purpose, or whether he had alluded simply to the case of any further evidence to be taken before a commissioner. Mr. Isaacs explained that he alluded to the latter contingency only. In reply, however, to a further question as to whether he had any explanatory evidence to tender, or any application to make for time to produce such evidence, Mr. Isaacs replied in the negative, considering, as he stated, that their Honors had made up their minds.

The Chief Justice said that except as to how the lad was to be disposed of there was no difficulty whatever in the case. The respondent had produced the boy in court in obedience to the writ, and had made a return which was, *prima facie*, quite good, as tending to show that respondent had received the legal custody of the boy from his father. The writ was issued under the common law power of the Court, under which the return would formerly have been conclusive. But it had been already decided that the 56th George III. was in force in this colony, and by that statute the truth of the return could be impeached, and when so impeached must be inquired into by the Court. It was impeached in the present case by the affidavit on which the writ had been granted. It might be that Collins withheld all explanation under legal advice, and therefore his conduct would not be open to the comments which it would otherwise have been fairly liable to; but the plain fact was this:—that there was only evidence on oneside, and that the effect of this evidence was to show that the return to the writ was a false one, and that the child had been stolen from his parents. It might be admitted that the boy had been most kindly treated, but no end would justify an act such as was alleged to have been committed. It was a moral wrong—an outrage—an act of gross cruelty which no man of common feeling could hear described without an expression of strong indignation. It was not a light matter, but the infliction of an insufferable wrong—a misdemeanor for which any person who committed it was liable to heavy punishment by fine and imprisonment. Looking at the natural results of such acts, it might be that the best interests of the country would suffer. Suppose it was true that these boys were run down like wild animals, and stolen from their parents and relatives, it was a natural result that the latter should pursue with vengeance the people of the same race as the offender. Such would be probably the case with the whites in the event of any corresponding outrage by the blacks. These people were British subjects, and if held responsible for crime on the one hand, should be protected from outrage on the other. The respondent having made what, as the case now stood, must be held to be a false return, and having failed to show that he had the slightest right to the charge of the boy, must pay the costs of this proceeding. It was simply absurd to assume that there was anything tyrannical in directing an inquiry of the nature alluded to, although, if any further inquiry had taken place, care would have been taken that the evidence thus obtained should not be used for any other purpose than the legitimate one of seeing what was to be done with the boy. The boy must now be delivered over to the Colonial Secretary on the part of the Government.

Mr. Justice Milford considered the question one of dry law. The return showed *prima facie* a right to the custody of the boy. The Court, proceeding to investigate the truth of this return under its statutory power, had evidence on oath that Collins, according to his own admission, had stolen the boy, thereby committing a high misdemeanor. There was no evidence on oath to controvert this, and they were thus bound to assume that the return was false.

Mr. Justice Wise concurred with his learned colleagues. It was a first principle of justice that the liberty of the subject should be protected, and the aborigines who were held to be British subjects, even without their own concurrence, and as such to be amenable to punishment, were equally entitled with the whites to this protection. His Honor equally concurred with the other members of the Court as to this child-stealing, if committed, being a gross outrage, and stated his belief, as at present advised, that such an act as this, or the abduction of natives from any of the South Sea Islands, would be punishable under the statute against slavery.

Mr. Isaacs enquired whether argument would be heard on the question as to whether respondent could be ordered to pay costs.

Their Honors declined to hear argument, but would consider any authority handed in before Friday, intimating at if no cases conclusive against this course were produced, an attachment would issue.

The boy, a lad apparently about eight or nine years old, was handed over to the intendent of the Immigrants' Barracks, as the representative of the Colonial Secretary. The other boy, Archie, apparently a year or two older, who was also present during this inquiry, was also taken to the Immigrants' Barracks.

Some authorities were subsequently handed in on the question of costs.

CORCROFT V. PARNELL.

This was a motion for new trial in a squatting case (wherein defendant had obtained a verdict) which had been partially argued on a previous day, the main ground being that the verdict was against evidence. The argument in support of the motion was now concluded.

The Court, without calling upon defendant's counsel, refused the application with costs, holding that there was evidence on which, although not conclusive, the verdict was sustainable.

Sir William Manning, Q.C., Mr. Darvall, Q.C., and Mr. Faucett appeared in support of the application, and Mr. Martin and Mr. Isaacs in support of the verdict.

SEMPILL AND ANOTHER V. BEATSON

This was a motion for new trial, in case wherein defendant had obtained a verdict. The argument did not terminate.

Mr. Isaacs appeared in support of the motion, and Mr. Darvall, Q.C., and Mr. Stephen in support of the verdict.

SYDNEY DISTRICT SESSIONS.

WEDNESDAY.

BEFORE James Sheen Dowling, Esq., Chairman.

The Crown Prosecutor conducted the following cases:—

William Kelly was indicted for stealing a watch and chain, the property of one John Atkinson, on the 19th November last. Verdict, guilty. Sentenced to be imprisoned in Sydney goal, with hard labour, for six months.

Henry Walker and Mary M'Farlane were indicted for keeping a brothel. Verdict, guilty. Sentence: Walker eighteen months' hard labour in Parramatta gaol; M'Farlane nine months' hard labour in Parramatta gaol.

Annie Blake, who was indicted for stealing a gold ring from the person of one Bong a Him, a Chinaman, on the 9th November last. Verdict, guilty. Sentenced to be imprisoned in Parramatta gaol for six months. This prisoner was put on her trial on Tuesday on the same charge, and in consequence of the jury not agreeing, and no probability of agreeing, they were discharged, and the prisoner was again put on her trial, which resulted in the above conviction.

George Moss was indicted for stealing 144 scythes, on the 16th November last, the property of James Levy. Acquitted and discharged. Mr. Thurlow defended the prisoner.

The Court adjourned at six o'clock until to-morrow (this day), at ten a.m., when the City Assessment appeals will be heard in alphabetical order, from A to M inclusive. On Friday the remaining cases, from N to Z, will be heard.

INSOLVENCY COURT.

WEDNESDAY.

BEFORE the Chief Commissioner.

In the estate of John Hanks, a special meeting. Two debts were proved.

In the estate of David Parker, a first meeting. One debt was proved.

In the estate of Henry Gregson, a special meeting had been convened for examination of insolvent, but was not held, the insolvent not having been served with the order.

In the estate of Solomon Moses, deceased, a special meeting. One debt was proved.

In the estate of William Teys, a special meeting. Six debts were proved.

In the estate of David S. Kirkwood, a special meeting. Insolvent was examined, and the meeting adjourned until the 3rd February, on or before which day insolvent is to file a statement showing the property of every kind parted with by him during the twelve months prior to sequestration, specifying dates, considerations, and every other particular, in accordance with the last clause of the 14th Rule in Insolvency.

In the estate of James Williamson, an adjourned certificate meeting. Mr. Barker concluded his address in reply. His Honor stated that the case was one of great importance, not only to Captain Williamson, but to the mercantile community at large, having regard to the objections taken by the opposing creditor to the granting of a certificate, and to the facts and considerations involved. He would therefore read over and consider the evidence taken in the matter, and give a written judgment when he had done so.

CERTIFICATE MEETINGS.

Friday, 20.—Garland and Bingham.

MEETINGS OF CREDITORS.

Thursday, 19.—William and James Shelley, second. Edward Hickson, special, for proof of debts. William Blundell, first. William M. Davis, second. George F. Baker, adjourned second. George Patrick, adjourned examination.

Friday, 20.—William Carter, special, for examination. Nicholas Daniels, first. Patrick O'Reilly, single. John A. Williams, adjourned examination. Philip Walsh, adjourned examination. Stephen C. Walker, single.

CENTRAL POLICE COURT.

WEDNESDAY.

BEFORE the Police Magistrate, with Messrs. Armitage, Caldwell, Oatley, S. Cohen, and Ronald.

Six drunkards were fined 10s each, one 20s., and another was sent as a vagrant to Darlinghurst for one month.

Jane Lyons, alias Louisa Jones, fourteen years of age, summarily convicted of having stolen a vest, of the value of 20s. from the shop of Alfred Warren, George-street, tailor. A few weeks since she was convicted of having stolen property in her possession, of which she could not give a satisfactory account, and yesterday sergeant Camplin saw her coming from a pawn office on South Head Road, and suspecting something amiss, took her back; she had pledged a vest, and a silk mantle; she said that her father had sent her to pledge them; she was, however, taken into custody, and subsequent inquiry elicited the fact that the vest had been stolen from Mr. Warren's shop. There is little doubt but the mantle is stolen property, but no owner has yet been found. The prisoner was convicted of having stolen the vest, and was sentenced to be imprisoned three calendar months. The mantle is in possession of the police for identification.

Harriet Manson was summarily convicted of having stolen a pair of boots, of the value of 4s. 6d., the property of Davey and Hunter, of George-street, bootmakers. In consideration of the fact that until now prisoner has maintained a good character, and having three infant children to look after (her husband being at sea), their Worships imposed a penalty of 10s., which a friend in court at once paid for her.

Peter Watson, a vagrant, was apprehended on suspicion of having stolen a coat, in the pockets of which were a pair of gloves and a silk handkerchief, and, being unable to satisfy the magistrates that he became honestly possessed of them, was sentenced to be imprisoned three calendar months.

Mary Ryan, a vagrant, not being able to give a reasonable account of a pair of boots found in her possession, was sentenced to be imprisoned three months.

William S. Taylor, brought before the Bench on warrant, charged with having deserted his wife, consented to an order for 10s. weekly for her maintenance.

Mary Ann Doyle, found guilty of having in a public place made use of obscene language, was ordered to pay 40s., or to be imprisoned one month.

William Joseph Morris was charged with stealing in a dwelling. Inspector Taylor produced four pieces of drill, one piece of green cloth, one coat, sundry vests, trousers, &c., which he had procured at divers places in Sydney, Newtown, and Liverpool, of persons who gave evidence that they purchased of the prisoner. Prisoner when charged, expressed sorrow for what he had done. Michael Smith, of Stanley-lane, tailor, identified the property produced as belonging to him, and valued it at £12; prisoner lodged in his house three weeks, and on the 4th ultimo left; witness and his wife went from home, leaving the key in a place known to the lodgers, and on their return found the house open back and front, but no one in; missed a quantity of goods connected with his trade, of the value of £20, and from the pocket of one of his wife's dresses, hanging in the bedroom, missed £11 10s. in sovereigns and half-sovereigns. Prisoner offered no defence. Committed for trial.

The same prisoner was charged with having, on the same day, stolen from the same house a watch and chain and a coat, the property of Ludwig Tistaen, a fellow lodger. Inspector Taylor produced the property, which, from information, he found at different places. Ludwig Tietsen identified the several articles as his, and valued them at £4. Committed for trial.

Morris was convicted last week of larceny, and is under sentence of twelve months' imprisonment. He was brought before the Bench by *habeas corpus*.]

Jane Stanback was charged with stealing in a dwelling. Mary Ann, the wife of Thomas Hall, lodging with her husband at an accommodation house kept by a man named Farrell, deposed she and the prisoner slept in the same apartment, and that last night on going to bed she put under her pillow a bag containing three sovereigns, two half-crowns, and some shillings; in the course of the night she had occasion to leave the room for a few minutes, and on her return found prisoner sitting up, pillow, missed her money, and charged prisoner with having taken it, no other person being in the room; prisoner denied having it, and witness called her husband and the keeper of the house; Farrell insisted upon searching prisoner, and found three sovereigns, two half-crowns, and two shillings in her possession. Prisoner was then given into custody. The sovereigns were identified by private marks.—Committed for trial.

Thomas Sirkett, George Cummings, and Charles Jones, publicans, were fined 5s. each, with a like sum for costs, for keeping open house for the purpose of Sunday trading. Joseph Cuthbert, for a like offence, was ordered to pay a penalty of 40s., with costs. John Barlow, for having neglected to keep a light burning from sunset to sunrise, was fined 10s., and costs. The prosecutions were conducted by Mr. Cory, for whose professional costs 10s. 6d. was added in each case.

In Bize v. Brown, an order was made for the payment of 12s. 6d. weekly, for the support of a male illegitimate child, of which defendant was adjudged to be the father.

WATER POLICE COURT.

WEDNESDAY.

BEFORE the Water Police Magistrate, Mr. G. Hill, Mr. J. Oatley, Mr. B. Burdekin, and Mr. W. Day.

Two persons, found drunk in the streets, were fined 10s. each, or to be imprisoned for twenty-four hours.

James Parkinson, a seaman of the ship Impulse, who pleaded guilty to a charge of having assaulted the chief officer, was fined 20s., in default of payment to be imprisoned for three days.

Thomas Jobbing and William Robert Stocker, seamen of H.M.S. Fawn, and John Curran, of H.M.S. Harrier, charged with desertion, were sent on board H.M.S. Miranda, to be forwarded to their vessels at New Zealand.

LAW PROCEEDINGS, THIS DAY.

SUPREME COURT.

NEW TRAIL MOTIONS.—Sempill v. Beatson, part heard; Mahoney v. Cunningham; Hamilton v. Bensley.

SPECIAL CASES OR DEMURRER.—Struth v. Brown; Cooke v. Briggs; Eales v. Osborne and others.

MASTER'S OFFICE.—Moore v. the Attorney-General, examination; Rodd v. Hickey, examination; Daw v. Hellyer, certificate of marriage settlement; Watkins v. L'Estrange, minutes; Newton v. Charlton, to settle commission; Thomson and another v. Rattray, minutes.

PARRAMATTA.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

POLICE OFFICE.

MONDAY, 16th December.—Before Messrs. C. M'Rae and G. Langley.—Catherine Stanton was charged with a violent assault upon Mrs. H. Donnelly, keeping the Union Inn. The case was part heard, and adjourned to the following day. Mary M'Carthy, convicted of indecent exposure, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in Parramatta gaol with hard labour. Two drunkards were severally fined 10s. or twenty-four hours. James Goodie, brought up for vagrancy, being found sleeping in an unoccupied house, and subsequently in a coach, was cautioned and discharged. Alexander M'Donald was convicted of an aggravated assault upon his wife, on the 14th instant, by knocking her down with his fist and kicking her. It appeared in evidence that he has been carrying on a continued course of drunkenness for three months past, and that he had, previous to this, struck his wife with a sledge hammer upon the shoulder. The Bench sentenced him to six months' imprisonment in Parramatta gaol with hard labour; at the expiration of that period, to find sureties to keep the peace for six months, himself in £20 and two in £20 each, in default thereof six months further confinement.

Tuesday.—Present, Messrs. M'Rae and Langley. Catherine Stanton was again placed at the bar, and the evidence taken on the preceding day re-read. It appeared that on the evening of Saturday, defendant, who was under the influence of liquor, went to the public-house kept by Mrs. Donnelly, and insisted on being served with drink. Upon refusal, she became violent and abusive, and the complainant, after endeavouring in vain to push her out, threw some water over her. Defendant returned the compliment by throwing a quart pot at Mrs. Donnelly's head, which caused a severe cut, from which blood flowed. In consideration of the complainant's having thrown the water upon defendant, thereby to some extent provoking the assault, the Bench fined defendant £5; in default, three months.

Wednesday.—Before Messrs. F. Oakes, N. Connelly, G. Langley, and J. Neale.—A charge against a boy named Ernest Wright, for stealing a bird, was dismissed, there being no positive identification of the bird. Charles Ferguson was charged with using indecent language towards Ann Boon on the 2nd instant, and was fined £2 and 3s. 6d. costs, in default, one month gaol. John Ellison, for allowing goats to stray, was fined 20s. and costs, the bench intimating their intention in future to inflict the highest authorised penalty in cases of this nature. George Perdue charged William Smith with illegally entering upon his land. Mr. Gould appeared in defence, and it appearing that the land in question was unenclosed land, the case was dismissed. Another case for indecent language, preferred by Ann Boon against Jane Williams, was heard and dismissed.

WEATHER.—Yesterday and to-day the heat has been intense, and large bush fires are raging in the direction of the Dog Trap Road, and from thence westerly for a considerable distance.

WINDSOR.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

TRAMWAY FROM BLACKTOWN.—We congratulate the district upon at last—after a struggle of some years—through the indefatigability of the representatives of the town and district, with the combined support of the Government, having succeeded in getting a sum of £60,000 voted for the laying of a tramway between Blacktown and Windsor. Although no friend to tramways, we cannot but hail the fact with satisfaction, believing it to be the forerunner of a locomotive. In fact, we are assured that the Minister for Works has stated that after a trial for a short time of the horse traction system on this line, if the traffic justifies a change it is the intention of the Government to substitute steam for horse traction. The lines will be so laid that the cost in substituting the one power for the other will be very trifling. We have to thank those members who at so much inconvenience remained at their posts and supported the vote. Many are the happy results anticipated after the opening of the line, and in which anticipations we share; feeling confident that it is the only thing which will arouse the people of the district from their wonted lethargy, and by the infusion of fresh and more spirited blood amongst them, competition, with its concomitants, will set in, and Windsor will then take its proper stand amongst the towns of the colony.

MAGISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS.—Amongst the list of appointments to the Bench we observe the names of two gentlemen to represent the Hawkesbury. The reappointment of Mr. Stuckmeyer, in answer to the prayer of a memorial presented a short time back to the Executive, which was very numerously signed by the inhabitants of the district, will give universal satisfaction; Mr. Tuckerman having, whilst he held a seat on the Bench previously, gained for himself the esteem of his brother magistrates and the confidence of the community for his strict impartiality. Of the other appointment, that of Mr. George Matcham Pitt, we can only add that he is a gentleman, who believes in every way capacitated for the position, and for whom to augur a successful career. He is well known, and highly respected, and amongst his other qualifications, the least is not that he is an Australian.

WINDSOR FERRY.—We observe Mr. Walker, M.L.A., in his place in Parliament, put a question to the Colonial Treasurer, respecting the high rate of dues charged at this ferry, when that gentleman stated that a proclamation would be shortly issued reducing the tolls. It is to be hoped that no further delay will take place in this matter—being a hardship the extent of which is only fully understood by those poor people who, from their occupation, are compelled to pay the exorbitant demands exacted.

WHARF.—Frequent enquiries are made as to the time when this work will be commenced. Another accident was nearly occurring the other day to one of our watermen; and it was only by the sheerest good fortune that it terminated without resulting in the loss of the horse and truck, and perhaps the drowning of the driver.

DANGEROUS PRACTICES.—Amongst the many practices which endanger life, there is none so much indulged in here, as that of horse-breaking in the principal streets of the town. An occurrence took place the other day by which the lives of several persons were jeopardised. A young horse, tackled to a water truck, was being driven through George-street, when he suddenly became restive, and commenced bucking. Although the two men driving him exerted all their efforts to restrain the impetuosity of the animal he overcame them, and getting away brought the wheel of the truck in contact with the verandah post of Mr. Beard's shop, knocking the post from its position, and hurling it through the shop window. Several panes of glass were broken, and some other slight mischief done. The horse was then secured and taken out of the truck. Surely a check might be put upon this practice.

CHRISTMAS.—Although this festive season is so close upon us, no steps have been taken by which in the least manner to celebrate that occasion. Never were the people so dull, or so little inclined for sport. No races—no regatta; not even chasing a pig with a greasy tail, or climbing the greasy pole! No amusement whatever is spoken of. Yet this state of things is scarcely to be wondered at, considering the many drawbacks from which the district has lately suffered. There is a brighter day in store, however.

HARVEST.—The wheat is now mostly in, and the crops have turned out splendidly. The fields, however, are parched for want of rain. We had a slight shower on Saturday night and Sunday morning, but not sufficient to very materially benefit vegetation.

WEATHER.—On Saturday last the thermometer was 102 degrees in the shade.

CAMPBELLTOWN.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

DECEMBER 17TH.—Last evening a most interesting and instructive lecture was delivered in the court-house, on "Dickens' Literary Works," by Mr. J. Freeman, of Sydney. Although not numerously attended, it was listened to by those present with deep attention—those absent missing a literary treat. My object, however, is to redress not, perhaps, an abuse of power, but certainly the restriction of a privilege due to the public on such interesting occasions. I had ordered my son to place the vehicle in which I had driven a part of my family into the spacious empty court-house yard, opening by slip-rails into the street, for safety during the lecture, when he was resisted by a constable, who said that he had sent and asked "the chief," and, it appears, that functionary sent orders that it must not be allowed in this public yard, being reserved for the use of the magistrates only. Seeing a friend of mine in the commission of the peace near me I appealed to him; he asked for the chief constable, who, however, could not be found. My friend then kindly ordered our vehicle to be placed on his private establishment. Now if this order and monopoly of public, otherwise unoccupied property, has emanated from the magistracy of Campbelltown, I would respectfully submit, as it would not be derogatory to their dignity, the propriety of repealing such order and the surrender of such monopoly, by which many heads of families might be encouraged to attend and bring their families, and thus promote the temperance, civilisation, education, and moral and intellectual elevation of this town and district, evidently so deficient in these respects.

NEW SOUTH WALES PARLIAMENT.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18.

THE PRESIDENT took his seat at twenty minutes past four o'clock.

ASSISTED IMMIGRATION.

Sir W. MANNING said that, not seeing the hon. Minister for Lands in his place, he would ask the hon. Attorney-General when it was the intention of the Government to lay upon the table, papers on the subject of Assisted Immigration, ordered to be laid upon the table on 10th October, and since again twice promised?

Mr. ATTORNEY-GENERAL said that notice should be given of the question.

Mr. GORDON said this was no new question; they had been promised these papers a month ago for the following day.

Sir WILLIAM MANNING gave notice of question accordingly.

TOBACCO DUTIES BILL.

The House resolved itself into committee of the whole on the Tobacco Duties Bill.

Mr. WENTWORTH asked what was the present duty on tobacco?

Mr. ROBERTSON replied 2s. on all, and pointed out that the duty on the unmanufactured article prevented tobacco being grown or made up in the colony.

Mr. WENTWORTH pointed out that this was the small end of the Protection wedge, but at the same time it was but justice, perhaps, to pass the clause.

The bill was gone through and reported, without amendments, and the report was adopted.

Bill to be read a third time to-morrow (this day).

RIVER MURRAY CUSTOMS BILL.

The House went into Committee on the River Murray Customs Amendment Bill.

The bill was gone through and reported without amendment, and the report was adopted.

Bill to be read a third time to-morrow (this day).

SALE OF LIQUORS LICENSING BILL.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the adoption of the report of the Committee of the whole on this bill.

Carried.

Bill to be read a third time to-morrow (this day).

NAVIGABLE WATERS' PROTECTION BILL.

The House went into committee for the further consideration of the Navigable Waters' Protection Bill.

The CHAIRMAN called the attention of the committee to the state at which the bill had arrived, namely, the third clause, in which some verbal amendments had been made.

Mr. KEMP asked if it was still the intention of the Attorney-General to insist upon the "five hundred pound penalty," to be levied before Justices.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL had no objection to reduce the penalty for the third offence to not less than one hundred, nor more than two hundred pounds.

The PRESIDENT would object to any such power being vested in justices.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL proposed a proviso to the effect that no penalty exceeding one hundred pounds should be recovered except by suit in the Supreme Court. The high penalty was only for the third offence, and he thought it important to retain a high penalty. The offence was becoming a frequent one, and highly injurious.

Mr. CAMPBELL thought individuals were not doing so much mischief as the Government. The Government had a sewer emptying itself in the harbour, and would by and by extend to the North Shore, and he should not be able to get into his place at all.

Sir W. MANNING supported the view of the amendment of the Attorney-General. A person who would offend a third time after two convictions must be contumacious indeed, and he thought ought also to be liable to any expense incurred by the Government in raising and removing the ballast so improperly thrown over.

The PRESIDENT objected to the clause as rendering the master liable, although he might know nothing whatever of the offence.

Mr. ROBERTSON said that it appeared to him that the importance of protecting our navigable waters was not sufficiently looked to. Take the Hunter River; large sums of money were expended in keeping it open, yet constantly the law was infringed in this respect. He maintained that if the captain could not be always on board, still seamen should not be permitted to work unless there was a mate or some other competent person. Some three years and a half ago large ships could not go up to the Circular Quay, but by a large expenditure of public money the Cove had been so cleared that vessels drawing twenty feet of water could now lie alongside the wharf, and it surely was not desirable that the same state of things should be brought about again by masters of vessels being allowed to throw rubbish overboard. He thought the suggestion of Sir W. Manning a good one.

Mr. GORDON proposed an amendment, making the penalty not exceeding £5 for the first offence; not exceeding £20 for the second; and not exceeding £100 for the third and all subsequent offences, together with costs and expenses of the removal of the rubbish or ballast thrown over. He was in favour of these penalties being left to the summary jurisdiction rather than incur the delays and difficulties of proceedings in the Supreme Court.

The first amendment for the substitution of the word "five" for "ten" pounds, having been put,

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL quoted a report from the Engineer of Harbours, showing that the penalty of five pounds was found to be wholly insufficient at present, especially in rivers. The moment a vessel touched, the master threw over ballast rather than lose a tide. The next vessel coming perhaps struck on this very ballast heap, and seriously injured herself.

Sir W. MANNING thought that if Mr. Gordon's amendments were carried, the bill might as well be burnt at once. This was a most important matter, and he thought the Government ought to take steps at once to prevent the deposit of silt also in the harbour. The bays would otherwise be filled up. There ought to be a scraping of streets and dams to check this silt before it reached the harbour. He could quite believe that the report of Mr. Moriarty, Engineer of Harbours, was perfectly borne out by facts. He feared, however, that the expenses of removal of ballast thrown over would be so large that the Government would not be likely to incur, if they only had to look to a skipper for reimbursement, who, when sued, would be found to have nothing. He thought the bill should contain a high penalty. He did not concur in fixing an increased maximum without an increased minimum.

Mr. GORDON had not heard anything to alter his views. He had no objection, however, to making the penalty for the first offence £10, for the second offence not less than £20 nor more than £50, and for the third offence not less than £50 and not exceeding £100.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL opposed the amendment so far as the minimum (£10) for the second and (£50) for the third offences being the same as the maximum penalties for the first and second offences. He would consent to £20 for a minimum for the second offence, and £100 as a minimum for the third offence, but he should prefer that the clause should stand as it was.

Sir W. MANNING also thought it better that the clause should remain as it was; and as to the jurisdiction of magistrates, he found that under the Customs Act there were many penalties of £100, and some of £500, might be recovered before justices in summary jurisdiction; and more than this, the forfeiture of the ship.

The question was then put upon Mr. Gordon's first amendment, which was carried.

The question was then put upon Mr. Gordon's amendment, substituting "fifty" for "one hundred pounds," and was carried.

The question was put on the amendment to strike out the word "five" and substitute "one" hundred pounds, and was carried.

The remaining clauses of the bill were agreed to without amendment.

The bill was reported, with amendments, to the House, and the adoption of the report made an order of the day for to-morrow.

PROPERTY LAW AND TRUSTEES' RELIEF BILL.

The House went into committee for the consideration of the above bill.

The whole of the clauses were passed without amendment.

Upon Clause 25—

Sir W. MANNING stated that the object of the clause, which he had himself drafted, was to make mortgages operate at common law the same as they did in equity and in common sense. The powers of mortgagees would not be curtailed, but the mortgagors would retain the right of the control and management of their properties.

The CHAIRMAN reported the bill without amendments to the House. The report was adopted, and the third reading fixed for next day of sitting after to-morrow (this day).

RICHMOND BRIDGE COMPANY'S ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

The House went into committee for the consideration of the above bill.

The clauses were passed without amendment. The CHAIRMAN having reported the bill, the report was adopted, and the third reading fixed for to-morrow.

The House adjourned at two minutes past six o'clock, till to-morrow (this day), at four o'clock.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY.

THE SPEAKER took the chair at twenty-five minutes past three o'clock.

RETURNS.

Mr. COWPER laid upon the table a return to address relative to the case of the Rev. Mr. Chaucer. He also laid upon the table a schedule (for 1862) of the proposed distribution of funds on the subordinate roads of the colony.

Ordered to be printed.

PETITION.

Mr. FORSTER presented a petition from four miners at Kiandra, requesting that certain orders and decisions given by Mr. Sub-commissioner Cooper, of which petitioners complained, might be investigated by the House. Petition received.

SAVINGS BANK.

Mr. MORIARTY asked the Colonial Treasurer, "Whether the Trustees of the Savings Bank had the authority of the Government to purchase debentures of any other colonial Government to the extent of £50,000, with money deposited by persons in this colony, and for the repayment of which this colony is pledged?"

Mr. WEEKES, in reply, stated that no authority was given, or applied for, to make the purchase referred to.

MAP OF THE COLONY.

Mr. DANIEL asked the Colonial Secretary,—"Have the Government completed, and if so, is it their intention to publish, a map of the colony of New South Wales, on the same scale known as the late Surveyor-General Sir Thomas Mitchell's three-sheet map of the nineteen counties?"

Mr. COWPER, in reply, said the Government had not had completed such a map, which would, as a general map, be inconveniently large—seven feet wide and eight feet long—the scale being about eight miles to one inch. A map of the colony on a scale of sixteen miles to one inch had, however, been completed, and nearly lithographed. It would be published next month.

COOK'S RIVER DAM.

Mr. LUCAS asked the Secretary for Works—"1. Has the Engineer of Harbours and River Navigation inspected and reported upon the state of the Cook's River Dam? 2. Has he made plans or estimates of the repairs required for that structure; if so, what is the amount of such estimates? 3. Does the Government intend, during the present session, to place a sum of money for the above purpose on the Supplementary or Additional Estimates; if so, how much?"

Mr. ARNOLD stated that the Engineer had inspected and reported upon the state of the Cook's River Dam, and the Government intended to place upon the Estimates a sum of £820 for the repairs.

DARLING HARBOUR BRANCH RAILWAY.

Mr. SUTHERLAND asked the Secretary for Works—"Have any, and what steps, been taken by the Government, for carrying out the recommendations of this House for the immediate completion of the Darling Harbour branch of the Great Southern Railway?"

Mr. ARNOLD was understood to reply that tenders for the work had been accepted.

SUPPLY.

The House resolved itself into Committee of Supply.

Mr. ARNOLD moved a vote of £5225 for the department of the Colonial Architect, to be appropriated as follows:—

Salaries.	
Colonial Architect	£1000
First clerk of works	600
Two clerks of works, at £400	800
Clerk of works	300
First foreman of works	250
Second ditto	250
Draftsman	300
Chief clerk	450
Clerk, 2nd class	300
2 Junior clerks, at £150	300
Messenger	100
Officekeeper	40
	£4690
Contingencies.	
Forage for the horses of the Colonial Architect and the clerks of works	100
Travelling expenses of the Colonial Architect and officers of the department, when proceeding to inspect public works and buildings	300
Advertising tenders for public work, &c.	80
Incidental expenses	50
Total	£5225

The estimate was passed without any discussion.

Mr. ARNOLD next moved the following estimate:—

FORTIFICATIONS.

Salaries:	
Foreman of Works	£250
Boatman	104
	354
Contingencies:	
Incidental expenses	25
Total	£379

The vote was agreed to without any opposition.

Mr. ARNOLD next moved a vote of £64,417 for public works and buildings, to be appropriated as follows:—

For ordinary repairs, alterations, and additions to public buildings, generally	£12,000
To provide furniture and fittings for the public offices generally	3000
For repairs to Military Barracks and other buildings	1500
For lighting lamps, sweeping chimneys, &c., Victoria Barracks	230
For lighting Government lamps in streets of Sydney	427
For providing materials and implements for employment of prisoners at Darlinghurst Gaol	2000
For same, at Parramatta gaol	1500
For same, at Goulburn gaol	500
For same, at Maitland gaol	500
For same, at Bathurst gaol	500
For same, at Berrima gaol	500
For providing court-houses, lock-

Contingencies.			
Forage allowance for inspector	...	...	... 50
Incidental expenses	...	...	... 50
Total	...	...	... £10,400

Mr. DALGLEISH pointed out that the estimate contained several increases in reference to which no explanation had been given, and alluded particularly, and at considerable length, to the services of one of the officers of this department, who deserved an increased salary, but who appeared to have been overlooked.

Mr. ARNOLD said the salary of the gentleman referred to was not contained in this estimate.

Mr. WISDOM said the hon. member could not discuss an item which was not now before the House.

Mr. STEWART was opposed to making this a permanent staff at an expenditure of £2500, with an increase of £950. When once these officers were put on a permanent footing they must be looked upon as entitled to compensation if any alteration were made. He proposed that the second item of £400 for salary of chief surveyor and draftsman be reduced by £50.

Mr. DALGLEISH questioned whether it would be wise to reduce the salaries of officers in a department, the expenditure in which was so large, and who if they were competent and able officers, as he presumed they were, must be considered as comparatively underpaid.

Mr. SUTHERLAND thought this officer, who was a gentleman of much ability and energy, was deserving of this additional £50, and he would support the item as it appeared on the Estimates.

Mr. STEWART'S motion for reducing the item was put and negatived.

Mr. STEWART then moved the omission of the item of £300 as the salary of a draftsman.

Mr. DALGLEISH suggested that this officer should be paid at a certain rate, according to the time during which he was employed, and that he should not be engaged permanently.

Mr. HAY did not agree with this mode of engagement; he thought, from the increased amount of work this department had and was likely to have, these officers would be required for many years to come, and when permanently engaged the chief engineer might make their services available whenever they were required. He (Mr. Hay) looked upon this as a permanent staff, for which the salaries should be fixed.

The motion for reduction put and negatived.

Mr. DALGLEISH pointed out what he considered the startling fact (according to the "Statistical Register") while the expense of lifting a ton of silt by the steam dredge Hunter amounted to about 0¼d. per ton, the expense of lifting a ton by the Hercules was 2s. 9¼d per ton.

The whole estimate £13,290 was then put and passed.

The next estimate was

PUBLIC WORKS.

Landing silt from dredge and forming ground	...	£1000
Sea wall, Botanical Gardens	...	1000
Repairs to Garden Island Road	...	150
Laying down moorings, harbour of Newcastle	...	1425
Repairs, painting, &c., to wharfs, bridges, &c	...	1000
		£4575

Mr. STEWART said that if this vote for a sea-wall was intended to pledge the House to the plan of improvements set forth in the drawing before the committee, he, for one, should not vote for it. To carry out such an idea as that proposed would entail an outlay of £20,000 or £30,000, while it would also involve the closing of the road or walk between the two gardens, which had been open to the public for forty-five years. He could see the advantage of having a sea-wall to reclaim land by the depositing of the silt from the harbours; but he would be no party to the closing of this road, convinced as he was that the residents of the city and suburbs would be strongly averse to such a proceeding.

Mr. HART thought this particular walk or roadway was a nuisance and an eye-sore, being, in fact, a mere lounging place for runaway seamen and idlers. The contemplated improvements would have the effect of beautifying the gardens, and, as there was to be a lodge and turnstyles at either end of the new roadway, the public would still enjoy their right of free access as at present.

Mr. PIDDINGTON was strongly opposed to the closing up of the walk, which was one of the prettiest that the citizens had at their command. The fact that improper characters might occasionally go there, was no reason why the public should be deprived of their right to it. That nuisance, if it existed, could be easily provided for by the appointment of a ranger or constable to warn these people off, or to apprehend them if they misconducted themselves. If the citizens were polled he ventured to say that nine-tenths of them would be against the closing of this walk, and he was surprised at the "people's Ministry" making a proposal which involved such a desecration and encroachment on the people's rights.

Mr. WILSON looked upon it that this vote for a sea-wall and the closing of the walk in question were two entirely different matters. He thought the improvement sketched out on the plan a grand idea, as it would provide at once for the disposition of the silt, and the ultimate extension of the gardens. But he could not approve of throwing down the dividing wall between the upper and lower gardens, as such a proceeding would render them unfit for any scientific purpose. By being thrown open unrestrictedly, it would be impossible ever to make them available for the instruction of youth in the science of botany, as there would be no protection for the more valuable plants. It would be a serious day, indeed, if this wall were thrown down, and the gardens left open at all hours to all persons indiscriminately.

Mr. ARNOLD explained that the improvements intended would only have the effect, so far as this walk was concerned, of making it an ornamental walk, instead of being, as it was now, the resort of all sorts of bad characters after nightfall. The right of the public would be in no way interfered with. With regard to the vote before the committee, it was clear they must have a sea-wall to save the silt, no matter where it was put; and it seemed to him that this was the very best arrangement that could be made, as it would also be the least expensive in the long run.

Mr. PIDDINGTON admitted that he saw no connexion between this vote and the projected new carriage drive, but it had been the fault of the hon. Secretary that the two had been mixed up together, as he had laid this plan of the Government on the table.

Mr. WILSON insisted that, under any circumstances, the people had a right of thoroughfare through this road, and this they would be entitled to even though it were taken into the gardens.

Mr. ARNOLD said that was a legal question which others would have to determine, but he was inclined to think that this was not a thoroughfare within the strict meaning of the term.

Mr. MORIARTY considered the sea wall for repressing the silt as absolutely necessary, but was opposed to any closing of the present road between the two gardens, and thought the Government ought not to take such a step without first having the opinion of the House upon its advisability.

Mr. CALDWELL intended to support this vote, and could see no force in the objections to the contemplated improvements. At the same time, the present road between the gardens was a great convenience, and he hoped it would not be closed until the proposed road was opened.

Mr. LOVE regarded the plan proposed as a great improvement, and hoped it would be proceeded with without loss of time.

Mr. STEWART reiterated his objections to closing this road. He believed that this road had been intentionally neglected, for the purpose of ultimately getting it closed up.

Mr. CALDWELL wished to know if there was any intention to close up this road?

Mr. ARNOLD: Yes, after dark.

Mr. CALDWELL: Then he considered any such thing as an improper interference with the public rights.

Mr. ARNOLD: The intention was to prevent this road from being open at all hours, as it now was. If it was a public thoroughfare, of course, the Government would not interfere with the public right, but in his opinion it was not a public thoroughfare. The Government wished to study the convenience of those citizens who made a legitimate use of these gardens; but beyond that the Government were not bound to do so. This must be regarded a valuable public property, and in that light the Government ought not to take into account the requirements of those who made an improper use of the present right-of-way. The plan of the Government would form an ornamental, useful, and delightful place of resort for the public.

Mr SUTHERLAND should vote for the sum, but would not consent to closing up this walk.

The motion was put and carried.

Mr. ARNOLD moved the following items:

To be raised by loan:	
Improvements to Moruya River	... £5,000
Extension of wharf accommodation, Newcastle	... 5,000
Purchase of steam cranes	... 3,400
Towards construction of northern breakwater, Newcastle	... 5,000
Pier, Shall Harbour	... 700
Stone dyke, Bullock Island, Newcastle	... 1,000
Dyke, Shoalhaven River	... 1,000
Wharf, Ulladulla	... 2,500
Construction of a breakwater and pier at Bellambi	... 10,000
	£33,600

He explained that certain gentlemen had guaranteed to pay 5 per cent. interest for the amount expended on the construction of a breakwater at Bellambi.

Mr. PIDDINGTON objected to their borrowing money in order that some private individuals might benefit by it, and, in order to test the feelings of the House, he begged to move that the item of £10,000 be omitted.

Mr. ALLEN opposed the item for the purchase of steam cranes, which he contended should be purchased by private enterprise. He moved the omission of the sum of £3400. He wished to know if the vote were carried whether it was the intention of the Government to import these cranes from England.

Mr. ARNOLD said the cranes were to be imported. They had tried the cranes here, and he had just received a telegram which stated that the third crane, belonging to the Wallsend Coal Company, had broke down and injured one man. These cranes were of colonial manufacture, and cost more than if imported from England, and with a guarantee to lift a much heavier weight than these did.

Mr. HANNELL contended that if this money were not voted for the cranes, they would not be able to ship coals from Newcastle.

Mr. ALLEN asked if the hon. member meant that the Government were to become coalheavers all over the country. (No, no.) He objected to borrowing money for this work.

Mr. HANNELL said if these cranes were purchased, the Government would receive dues from the people using them.

Mr. ARNOLD said they had all along been endeavouring to prevent companies from monopolising the water frontages, and if they allowed them to erect cranes they gave them that monopoly which he considered very objectionable.

Mr. ALLEN thought the Government might allow private enterprise to erect them, and fix a scale of charges at which they might be used by the public.

Mr. HOSKINS thought the objection of the Minister of Works might be got rid of by letting the wharf to the companies, and they would, at a small rate, allow the public to use it. If it were necessary to purchase steam cranes he thought they ought to be bought out of the current revenue, and he objected to the principle of borrowing money for works of this description, of so small an amount, and of so temporary a character.

Mr. HANNELL said the English crane, used at Miami, shipped sixty tons of coal without any mishap, the colonial cranes had continually broken down.

Mr. LUCAS said he thought it was desirable that so long as the Government had the wharfs, they should also have the cranes. He wished to state also, in justice to the colonial manufacturer, that the steam cranes made in this colony had been made according to the plans and specifications furnished. The great objection he had to the vote was that it was proposed to raise the money by loan. Our debentures were already falling, and it was, perhaps, a good thing, inasmuch as it might check the tendency to borrow. He would much rather see our credit injured for a time than that we should come to repudiation. (Oh, oh, and hear, hear.) He concluded by moving that the item of £5000 for improvements to Moruya River be omitted.

In reply to Mr. W. B. ALLEN, Mr. ARNOLD said the money asked for would be sufficient to make such improvements as were at present required. There was a large trade to this district, which was rapidly becoming of increased importance.

Mr. MORIARTY supported the vote. He thought the inhabitants of the Moruya district were fairly entitled to this sum, considering the amount of money spent on roads and railways. This river was their highway.

Mr. TERRY asked whether the Government intended to charge tonnage dues.

Mr. FORSTER thought the manner in which the items were placed on the Estimates rather unfair to the inhabitants of the various districts. He should not vote against these items on the merits of the case, but because he had heard nothing to convince him that these were proper objects for which to borrow money. He was the end of the wedge was first introduced with regard to the erection of bridges, and now it was attempted to knock it in a little further. This was nothing more than an expedient to escape taxation. They did attempt it last session, but this session with a coolness for which he gave them credit. They had failed to do anything to increase the revenues of the colony by imposing additional taxation. If it were only on that ground he thought it the duty of hon. members who agreed with him to vote against every item. Whatever might be said in favour of borrowing money for the erection of bridges, he thought little could be said in favour of borrowing money for the purposes mentioned in this vote. He did not know that he should object if it were proposed to pay these sums out of the consolidated revenue of the colony. He declined, however, entering into the merits of the case. At the end of this year we should be £6,000,000 in debt, and our expenditure would be some £2,000,000 above our income, while provision was only made to pay off two-thirds of the interest. Unless some check were put upon this system, it would lead to repudiation. ("Hear, hear," and "Oh, oh.")

Dr. LANG looked forward to a speedy and thorough change in the system adopted in reference to the provision of money for the construction of public works. He considered the construction of railways and breakwaters of equal importance. The claims of the ports to the south were urgent, and he could not look upon the case of the Moruya River as being different from that of those in which persons were interested along the three lines of railway. He should, therefore, vote for the item. Had there been time this session he should have insisted upon first discussing a new measure of taxation, because he was no advocate for the borrowing of money unnecessarily. He should go for this and some other items on the estimate, because in the advanced state of the session it was impossible to get a measure of taxation introduced, and also because it was of immediate importance to enable the residents of the southern coast districts to make those improvements which were necessary.

Mr. HOSKINS could not understand the inconsistency of the hon. and rev. member (Dr. Lang) in voting for a further increase of the public debt, when he affected to be against executing such works as these by loans. The hon. and rev. member said there was not time this session for a revision of the taxation; but the same argument had been used for two or three years past. If, as alleged, there was not time, who was to blame for that but the Government, who delayed calling the House together till September? And in all probability it would be the same thing next session—not time. He (Mr. Hoskins) contended it was the duty of the House to reject these proposals for running into debt for mere local purposes; otherwise, the result would be that the securities of the colony would be depreciated in value, for capitalists at home would have their confidence shaken by such a system of reckless borrowing.

Mr. RAPER thought as these works of Moruya were actually in progress, it would be most injudicious to bring them to a stand-still when only partially completed. Whether done by loan or from the general revenue, they ought to be finished now. He should certainly vote for the amount.

Mr. PIDDINGTON imagined the honorable and reverend member for West Sydney (Dr. Lang) must be in a very uncomfortable position, in having to postpone, time after time, the application of his principles. The honorable and reverend member disapproved of loans for such purposes, but—there was no time this session for dealing with the general question of taxation! He (Mr. Piddington) would like to know what guarantee they had that matters would be in a better position next session?

Dr. LANG said that his reason for assisting to close the present session this month was, in order that the next might open early in the year.

Mr. MORIARTY supported the vote, and pointed out that it was by way of the Moruya that the large population of Araluen received their supplies.

Mr. ALLEN condemned the Necker-like policy of debt which the Government were pursuing, and contended that such a system would, if persisted in, result in failure and injury to the country.

Mr. ARNOLD explained that the Government only proposed to borrow for such works and purposes as were likely to be reproductive—which, in fact, would yield the interest upon the outlay.

Mr. HAY maintained that the system of lumping together a lot of paltry works and voting that they be done by loan, did away with all restrictions as to economy, and at the same time interfered with our power of borrowing. It was only for great public works that loans should be raised, and if we were to be continually borrowing for merely local purposes, the result would be that we should be placed at a disadvantage in negotiating loans hereafter for those great reproductive works in respect to which loans were justifiable. He should not vote against the item on the present occasion, but he hoped the Government would not persevere in the course which had hitherto been pursued.

Mr. GRAY insisted that unless an extravagant toll was imposed on the bridges alluded to, they would never pay the interest on the money borrowed to erect them. With regard to the credit of the colony, he considered that the fall in Australian securities had been owing, not to any real fear of repudiation, but to the selfish operations of persons in England, who to buy in funds had brought certain statements to bear to lower the value of our debentures. A work was not to be regarded as reproductive solely because it repaid the interest for the money borrowed for its construction, as measured by that, neither our railways nor any other public work could be regarded as reproductive if measured by that principle. The true way of looking at those works was that they would be reproductive, not in themselves, but in the great advantages that the surrounding country would derive from their construction.

Mr. LUCAS said he had been a farmer on the Moruya, and he had crossed the river six miles from its mouth by tucking up his trousers. The length of navigation was therefore scarcely sufficient to justify this large outlay. Still his objection was rather against the principle of constructing such works as this by loan, rather than against the work itself.

Mr. WEEKES said that Governments which had preceded this Government had set them a very bad example, though that was scarcely an excuse. Still if this Government were blamable, they had the satisfaction of knowing that the Government of which the hon. member for Murray had been a member, had in their Loan Bill of 1857 sanctioned the borrowing of money for works very much more objectionable than those now proposed. This only showed the House how very dissimilar were the ideas of hon. members when in office and when out of office.

Mr. BUCHANAN did not consider this, however palpable a hit it might be at the hon. member for Murray, as at all an argument in favour of constructing these works by loan. The principle was extremely objectionable not merely in itself, but because it was calculated to injure our credit at home. With regard to the fall in debentures, he did not attribute this depreciation to the articles in the *Times*, because they were palpably and clearly false, but rather to circumstances over which there could be no control, since all securities fluctuated, those of Australia not being singular in this respect. He should support the proposition of the Government, hoping that next session they would see the advisability of revising the tariff, and so raising a revenue commensurate with the requirements of the country.

The amendment was put and negatived on division by a majority of 34 to 4.

Mr. FORSTER moved that the sum of £5000 for extension of wharf accommodation at Newcastle be omitted.

The motion was put and negatived on a division—ayes 3, noes 25

The minority consisted of Mr. Forster, Mr. Lucas, and Mr. Hoskins.

Mr. LUCAS moved that the sum of £3400 for the purchase of steam cranes be omitted.

The motion was put and negatived on a division, by a majority of 27 to 11.

Mr LUCAS moved that the sum of £700 for the pier at Shellharbour be omitted.

Mr. DANGAR opposed the item, and contended that the money proposed to be expended on this work would be wasted.

The motion was put, and negatived on a division. Ayes, 7; noes 22.

Mr. LUCAS moved that the sum of £1000, for the construction of the stone dyke, Bullock Island, Newcastle, be omitted.

The motion was put and negatived. Ayes 2; noes 38.

The minority consisted of Mr. Forster and Mr. Lucas.

Mr LUCAS moved that the sum of £1000, for the construction of the dyke at Shoalhaven River, be omitted.

The motion was put, and negatived on a division. Ayes, 2, noes, 38.

Mr. LUCAS moved that the sum of £2500 for the wharf at Ulladulla be omitted.

The motion was put and negatived on a division. Ayes, 3. Noes, 33.

The minority consisted of Mr. Forster, Mr. Lucas, and Mr. Rusden.

Mr. PIDDINGTON moved that the sum of £10,000 for the construction of a breakwater at Bellambi, be omitted. He condemned the principle of lending money to any company who guaranteed five per cent. interest, and thought there were hundreds who would like to take a loan on the same terms. There were no end of breakwaters for this district, and as this place was so near Wollongong, for which there they had already voted £30,000, he thought this item was unnecessary. He would support this vote if it could be shown that it was of advantage to the country, but they had only heard that this colliery, and another, which was to be started, viz., the Bull's Coal Company, would be benefited by it; therefore, he should oppose it.

Mr. GRAY contended that the hon. member always opposed private enterprise, and, after offering every obstruction, generally voted for the item. He informed the committee that there were already three collieries established there, and they were asked to vote this money in order to develope the resources of the district. Besides there was a large amount of Government coal land behind these collieries which would become available if there was a safe mode of shipment. With regard to the guarantee of 5 per cent., he thought there would be very little grumbling if, when railways, or other public works, were asked for, persons of substance would come forward and guarantee the interest.

Mr. LANG disclaimed any interest in the vote other than that which was caused by a desire to promote the prosperity of the district. He thought the gentleman alluded to was deserving of great credit for his enterprise, and contended that this vote would have the effect of increasing the value of the Government land in the neighbourhood.

Mr. RUSDEN alluded to the large sums that had been voted for harbours at Kiama and Wollongong, and thought that although these might be necessary, it was not right for them to erect harbours at every six miles along the coast. He should vote against the item.

Mr. CUMMINGS thought as it was very dangerous to the shipping to be without this harbour, the committee would be justified in voting this sum.

Mr. DALGLEISH believed the vote would benefit the country to a certain extent, therefore he should support it. He contended that the coal proprietors had as much right to have accommodation to ship their coals at Bellambi as they had at Newcastle, and if this breakwater were made, they would be able to ship a much larger quantity of coals.

Mr. IRVING felt bound to oppose this vote; it was a proposal to interfere with private speculation. There was no other part of the place but that of coal companies, and it could not be right and proper for the Legislature to prejudice all other coal mines in the colony. The Newcastle coal proprietors had to pay for railroads to their pits.

Mr. BURNS thought the vote a legitimate and proper one. The production of coal would be increased, and while this great export was adding so much more to our commerce, we should not feel so disastrously such crises as strikes among the colliers at Newcastle.

Mr. DANGAR disapproved of the vote, as it appeared to him that they were going to borrow money to lend it to a private company; but it might turn out that they would have to pay more interest for the money than they would get for it.

Mr. PIDDINGTON characterised the proposal as one intended to benefit one or two trading companies, and he should oppose it as one of the most unreasonable ever brought forward by any Government.

Mr ARNOLD contended that it was for the public interest that private parties should not be allowed to condruct such works as these. They had the means of measuring the amount of interest it would return by the willingness exhibited to guarantee the interest upon the outlay; and the benefit would be to Australian commerce generally.

Mr. FORSTER said that in one respect he agreed with the hon. member who had just sat down, and that was with reference to the importance of an increase of the coal producing district, because the less chance there would be of the colony being placed at the mercy of one set of miners. Hon. members were called upon to consider two things in connection with this vote—first, whether the proposal was necessary, and secondly, whether it was necessary to raise the money by loan, but that second point had not so much as been touched on. He was prepared to admit that the trade of the colony would be benefited by this encouragement, but then the Government ought to show some reason to justify the proposition to raise the money by loan. The votes had been dovetailed together with great ingenuity, and he had observed that hon members who voted for one vote had voted for them all, and could come to no other conclusion than that they voted for them in order that some particular item in which they were specially interested might be voted. If these were large votes they would create more public attention and opposition, but being small no one thought it worth while to put a principle in force.

Mr. W. B. ALLEN thought this was a proposition different from others which had preceded it, and that if any object would justify the principle of borrowing money this was one of those objects.

The question for the omission of the item was put and negatived on the following division, amid cries that shareholders were voting:—

Ayes 18.		
Mr. Rusden	Mr. Sadleir	Mr. Hoskins
Irving	Forster	Lucas
Dangar	Wilson	Piddington
Terry	Mate	Tellers.
Stewart	Windeyer	
	Noes 22.	
Mr. Cowper	Mr. Sutherland	Mr. Cowper, jun.
Weekes	Markham	Rolfe
Arnold	Morris	Dr. Lang
Burns	Caldwell	Mr. Driver
Moriarty	Garrett, T.	Love
Alexander	Gray	Cummings
Hay	Morrice	Dalgleish
Smart	Allen	Tellers.

The estimate was put and passed. (Cries of "Adjourn," and "Go on.")

Mr. ARNOLD moved the following estimates, which were put and carried without opposition.

FITZ ROY DOCK ESTABLISHMENT.

Salaries.		
Superintendent and Engineer-in-Chief	...	£300
Assistant superintendent and clerk of works	...	200
Storekeeper	...	100
Draftsman and clerk	...	200
Foreman of works	...	200
Engineer mechanic	...	150
Foreman of Works, at £164	...	328
Foreman of Works	...	146
Shipwright carpenter	...	274
Fireman	...	146
Messenger and boatman	...	100
Works and Materials:		
Fuel, light, and provisions	...	250
For docking and undocking vessels	...	1000
Incidental expenses	...	15
Machinery, works, and other services	...	1000
Total	...	£5037

Miscellaneous.

Compensation to the family of the late Mrs. De Courcey, £104 annually for five years	...	£104

Mr. COWPER then moved £4822 for the department of the Auditor-General, being the same sum voted last year. (Adjourn, adjourn.)

The vote was agreed to without opposition.

Mr. SADLEIR then moved that the chairman leave the chair, report progress, and ask leave to sit again to-morrow. (Hear, hear.)

The motion was put, and negatived on a division by 20 to 17. (Cries of "Adjourn.")

Mr. FORSTER then moved, at one o'clock, that the chairman leave the chair. He noticed that many of the gentlemen who voted in the majority very rarely attended on the business of the House. It was not fair that those members who did attend here, should be compelled to sit up all night at the instance or dictation of those hon. members.

Mr. MORIARTY said, as there had been such a decisive opinion expressed by the majority, he should now vote for going on till morning if necessary.

Mr. PIDDINGTON reminded the honorable member that 20 to 17 was not a very decisive majority—more particularly as it included the honorable member for the Hunter (Mr. Burns), and others who had only just made their appearance, to assist in transacting the public business.

Mr. BURNS admitted that he had been absent for three or four weeks, but contended that the obstruction offered by the honorable member (Mr. Piddington) was a very fruitful cause of delay in the public business. The remarks of that honorable member he considered were quite uncalled for and unjustifiable.

Mr. WILSON said there were various ways of obstructing the public business. He noticed that some of those gentlemen who had voted for going on at half-past one in the morning were the very persons who, by their absence yesterday, had caused the House to be counted out. This was one mode of obstructing business.

Mr. DRIVER said if hon. members thought proper to oppose the Government in proceeding with Government business on the stated days, they could not expect the supporters of the Ministry to come here and form a House on private days.

Mr. HAY said if this was the rule on which the Ministerial supporters proceeded it was well that the constituencies should know it. It was certainly a novel doctrine to broach, and seemed to imply that in the minds of some hon. gentlemen it was only Government business that was of any importance. He hoped the adjournment would be granted, and that on the eve of the departure of the mail for Europe they would not have the "scene" of the other night repeated.

Mr. COWPER opposed the adjournment; and after some further discussion, the motion for adjournment was lost, and negatived, on division, by a majority of 20 to 13.

Mr. DALGLEISH then moved that the Chairman do leave the Chair, report progress, and ask leave to sit again to-morrow.

On this the House again divided and the motion was negatived by a majority of 19 to 14.

Mr. PIDDINGTON then made a similar motion it being then twenty-five minutes to 2 o'clock.

Mr. CUMMINGS supported the motion, which was opposed by Mr. IRVING who censured the course taken by the Opposition. The House divided on the motion and rejected it by a majority of 20 to 11.

Mr. COWPER moved that the sum of £3500 be granted for Her Majesty the pensions

Mr. DALGLEISH moved that the Chairman leave the chair and report progress.

Mr. HAY suggested that the motion be withdrawn.

Mr. PIDDINGTON objected to the withdrawal of the motion. He was perfectly exhausted. Would the House adjourn if they passed the vote.

Mr. DALGLEISH should object to the vote being passed on such conditions. He had a great deal to say against these pensions. He moved that the items be taken seriatim.

Mr. COWPER moved the following:—

To the undermentioned pensioners, according to the scale and rates fixed by the Superannuation Act of the Imperial Parliament, 4 and 5 Gul. IV., cap. 24, viz.:—

William Lithgow, formerly Auditor-General	...	£379	3 4
John Nicholson, formerly Harbour Master	...	200	0 0
Merion Marshall Moriarty, formerly Port Master	...	194	10 3
George Boyle White, late surveyor	...	222	10 0
James Larmer, ditto	...	167	0 0
Thomas Scott Townsend, ditto	...	137	11 2
John James Galloway, ditto	...	143	19 9
William Shone, ditto	...	107	13 4
James Warner, late assistant surveyor	...	70	0 0
George William Newcombe, late clerk in Colonial Secretary's Office	...	186	13 4
William Charles Greville, ditto ditto	...	308	13 4
Benjamin Pitt Griffin, senior, late clerk in the Colonial Treasury	...	79	0 0
Francis Gosling, late clerk in General Post Office	...	52	0 0
Colin Mackenzie, late clerk in Supreme Court	...	10	10 0
Nicholas Leader, late clerk in Court of Requests	...	55	0 0
Osborne Homersham, late clerk, Customs	...	40	0 0
Robert Ormiston, late Clerk of Petty Sessions, Sydney	...	102	0 0
William Taylor, ditto, Wollongong	...	74	5 0
William Sheridan Wall, late curator, Australian Museum	...	72	0 0
Rev. Frederick Wilkinson, late colonial chaplain	...	182	11 0
Mrs. Susannah Milcham, widow of Surgeon Milcham	...	100	0 0
William Galvin, late messenger Legislative Council	...	55	4 0
Michael Doyle, ditto Colonial Treasury	...	39	10 0
Richard Williams, late coast waiter Customs	...	7	12 0
Joseph Moore, late keeper of the Supreme Court-house	...	14	6 6
James Graves, late serjeant gold guard	...	54	15 0
Thomas Bevan, late trooper mounted police	...	9	2 6
John Brenan, late turnkey Parramatta gaol	...	28	10 0
Needham Robinson, late constable Sydney Police	...	39	13 1
William Callaghan, ditto ditto	...	14	19 9
Bryan Naughton, ditto ditto	...	12	10 0
Edward Wilson, ditto, Penrith police	...	14	14 3
Thomas Hinton, late porter, Customs	...	28	6 0
Thomas Henry Blackburn Venour, late Shipping Master	...	116	1 3
John Moore Dillon, late Criminal Crown Solicitor	...	215	13 4
William Flinn, late turnkey, Bathurst gaol	...	42	17 6
Benjamin Shaw, late Assistant Harbour Master	...	93	9 0
Charles Ormsby, late Superintendent of Penal Establishment at Cockatoo Island	...	72	6 9
Colonel Barney, late Surveyor-General	...	500	0 0
A. W. Robertson, late landing waiter, Customs	...	61	0 2
Charles Watson, late pilot, Moreton Bay	...	56	6 6
King Burton, late clerk to his Excellency the Governor's private secretary	...	94	10 0
Thomas Reilly, late serjeant to Governor-General's orderlies	...	32	13 4
William Macpherson, late Clerk of Legislative Council	...	431	13 4
William Wedge Darke, late assistant surveyor	...	142	0 11
George Norton Russell, late tide waiter, Customs	...	91	19 1
James Bean, late messenger, Survey Department	...	39	7 8
J. G. N. Gibbes, late Collector of Customs	...	114	11 8
Frederick Garling, late boarding surveyor, Customs	...	57	5 0
David Nash, late warehousekeeper, Customs	...	40	12 6
John Bramwell, late landing waiter, ditto	...	35	3 9
Samuel Raymond, Prothonotary of Supreme Court, and Curator of Intestate Estates	...	196	12 6
Christopher Mc'Donald, late gaoler, Maitland gaol	...	54	4 10
Felix Short, late storekeeper, Colonial Stores	...	30	1 0
Lady Amelia S. Forbes, widow of the late Sir Francis Forbes, Chief Justice	...	200	0 0
Lady Harriet Dowling, widow of the late Sir James Dowling, Chief Justice	...	200	0 0
Mrs. Anne Kinchela, widow of the late Mr. Justice Kinchela	...	100	0 0
Mrs. Anne Petrie, daughter of the late Captain Flinders, R.N.	...	100	0 0
Mr. Edward Robert Stark, late master of the Benevolent Asylum, Sydney	...	135	6 8
Lady Mitchell, widow of the late Sir Thomas Mitchell, Surveyor-General	...	200	0 9
Mrs. Oxley, widow of the late J. Oxley, Esq., Surveyor-General	...	200	0 0
Mrs. Cowper, widow of the late Archdeacon Cowper	...	200	0 0
Mrs. Lockyer, widow of the late Major Edmund Lockyer, Usher of the Black Rod, Legislative Council	...	80	0 0

Mr. DALGLEISH moved that the chairman do leave the chair and report progress.

Motion put and negatived by a majority of 20 to 9.

Mr. GRAY would impress hon. members with the fact that they wasted a week's holiday at Christmas, which they could not have if they did not work now.

Mr. WILSON was opposed to going on with the business at that hour.

Mr. FORSTER thought they might give way on this question if the Colonial Secretary would signify it was not their intention to go any further.

Mr. BURNS took a similar view.

Mr. RUSDEN was understood to be of the same opinion.

Mr. DALGLEISH insisted on the propriety of adjourning, urging the extreme fatigue of the House. Let them think of the impropriety of voting pensions at that hour of the morning. He moved that the Estimate of £188 11s. 8d. be omitted from the proposed vote.

Mr. LUCAS said that if this pension were agreed to it was evident that the House had done an injustice in refusing the pension of Mr. H. H. Browne.

Mr. BURNS wished to know whether this pension had been fixed under the Superannuation Act.

Mr. COWPER said it had been so.

Mr. DALGLEISH pointed out that the Superannuation Act exempted the existence of a Superannuation Fund—a thing which did not exist in this country. They could not take one part of an Act of Parliament and reject another. No deduction had been made from the salary of this officer towards forming such a fund, but he had been well and regularly paid during his term of office.

Mr. COWPER: Yes, but he entered the service under the impression that this pension would be paid to him when he had ceased to hold office.

Mr. PIDDINGTON hardly thought that this pension came fairly under the head under which it had been put down; for it was said to be fixed on the Superannuation Act, whereas the Act was based upon a deduction from the salary in order to form a fund out of which pensions were paid. Here, however, no deduction had been made, but it was merely a system of pension, and nothing else that was sought to be introduced.

After some further remarks from Mr. SUTHERLAND and Mr. BURNS, the question was put and negatived on the following division:—

Ayes, 6.		
Mr. Piddington	Mr. Dangar	Mr. Dalgleish
Lucas	Forster	Sutherland
		Tellers.
	Noes, 30.	
Mr. Cowper	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Morrice
Weekes	Smart	Cowper, jun.
Arnold	Love	Rolfe
Alexander	Allen	Markham
Moriarty	Hay	Garrett
Burns	Morris	Driver
Irving	Gray	Tellers.

Mr. DALGLEISH then moved that the pension to Mr. Raymond be reduced by the sum of £196. He had said that he would accept the division on the subject of pensions, but he would not accept as final, the decision of this committee on a point on which the House had over and over again come to an opposite conclusion.

The amendment was put and negatived by a majority of 21 to 6.

Mr. DALGLEISH said that if they must have the pension, they should have it by farthings. He moved that the pension be reduced by £197 19s. 11½d.

This amendment was put and negatived by a majority of 21 to 2.

Mr. GRAY moved that the Item be reduced by the sum of 6d.

The motion was put and carried.

Mr. DALGLEISH did not care what name his opponent was called by but he would not allow the vote for pensions to pass if he sat till the morning. He moved that the Chairman leave the chair, report progress, and ask leave to sit again to-morrow.

The motion was put and the House divided with the following result. Ayes 2, Noes 17.

There not being a quorum present the Chairman left the chair and reported it to Mr. Speaker.

There being only nineteen members present, the Speaker at eleven minutes to three this morning, adjourned the House until three o'clock this afternoon.

WOOLLOOMOOLOO BAY REGATTA.—A meeting was held at the Fitzroy Hotel last night. The programme of the various races to take place on Boxing Day was made up, and it was arranged that on Friday night entrances should be received at the Sir John Young Hotel. In addition to the previous list published, a pair-oar race for all comers was decided upon. During the evening, Mr. Croft, the owner of the centreboard yacht Charm, expressed a desire to enter his boat for the purpose of testing her sailing qualities with the spray. The committee at once agreed to make up this race if three boats entered, and Mr. Croft stated that he was willing to give £50 to the prize offered by the committee, provided the other boat could find backers to that amount. Captain Mitchell has generously placed his fine ship the Star of Peace, at the disposal of the committee as the flagship.

CORONER'S INQUEST.—The City Coroner held an inquest at Lane Cove yesterday, on the body of a woman named Mary Saunders, aged about fifty-five years. It appeared from the evidence, that the deceased resided with her husband, in the Lane Cove district, and latterly had been temperate in her habits. Formerly, however, she used to indulge her appetite for intoxicating liquors, and such indulgence laid the foundation of a disease which terminated her existence. She had been ill several days prior to her decease, and her husband went for Dr. Ward, but that gentleman being from home when he called, no medical man saw her till after death; hence the necessity for an inquest. Verdict, "Died from disease, accelerated by intemperance."

VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.—The usual monthly muster of the No 2 Battery took place on Tuesday, in the Inner Domain, when above seventy members were present. Captain Shepherd announced the fact that Captain Lovell, R.A., had ceased to be the commandant of the Volunteer Artillery, upon which the following resolution was moved by sergeant W. Deane, and seconded by bombadier E. Knapp, and carried by acclamation, "That this battery deeply regret the removal of Captain C. N. Lovell, R. A., from the command of the Volunteer Artillery, and beg to express their high sense of the zeal and sympathy which has at all times characterised Captain Lovell's connection with the corps, and they feel sure that no officer can be appointed who will enjoy to a greater extent the esteem and respect of all ranks in the battery than their late commandant." Captain Shepherd then read over the names of thirty-one members who had been dismissed drill and formed into a first squad. The following promotions were also announced (the members having previously passed an examination):—Sergeant W. Deane to be battery staff sergeant; corporal W. S. Paul, to be 1st sergeant; corporal P. Talbot, to be second sergeant; bombadier E. Knapp, to be 3rd sergeant; bombadier A. Knapp, to be 1st corporal; bombadier G. Cochrane, to be 2nd corporal.

The construction of the new railway from London Bridge to Charing Cross proceeds with the utmost activity. From the Surrey Side of the Suspension Bridge to High-street in the borough, the demolition of the houses and other buildings through which the line is to pass is nearly complete.

CRICKET.

An adjourned meeting of the general committee of the New South Wales Cricket Association was held last evening, at Peckham's Cafe, George-street. Mr. W. Tunks occupied the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the secretary brought forward a communication from Mr. T. Day, honorary secretary of the Newtown Cricket Club, expressing a desire that that club might be allowed to send a delegate, in order that it might be fairly represented "in the Domain practice matches," and naming Mr. S. C. Brown as such delegate. It was assumed that, unless this communication implied that the practice match committee had not acted "fairly" towards the Newtown Club, the desire was that Mr. Brown should represent them as a delegate "to

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—DECEMBER 18.

Jenny Dove, 180 tons, Captain Robinson, from the South Sea Islands. C. Smith, agent.

Constance, barque, 351 tons, Captain Butt, from Auckland 4th instant. Passengers—Dr. and Mrs. Campbell child and servant, Mr. and Mrs. Vale, Dr. Worthington, Messrs. J. S. Hainson, Vale, Mitchell, and 18 in the steerage. Laidley, Ireland, and Co., agent.

Thane of Fife, schooner, 121 tons, Captain Hughes, from Rockhampton the 10th and Kepple Bay 13th instant. Passengers—Mrs. Hughes and child. Captain, agent.

DEPARTURES.—DECEMBER 18.

Wave of Life, for London.

Cornelie, French war ship, for New Zealand.

Frowning Beauty, for Otago.

City of Sydney (s.), for Melbourne.

Tasmania (s.), for Hobart Town.

Grafton (s.), for Grafton.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—DECEMBER 18.

Impulse, for Moulsmein; Volunteer, for Rockhampton; Evangeline, for Akyab; Sea Gull, for Taranaki; Yarra Yarra (s.), for Brisbane.

CLEARANCES.—DECEMBER 18.

City of Sydney (s.), 700 tons, Captain Moodie, for Melbourne. Passengers—Messrs. W. F. Webb, Cecil Griffiths, J. D. Loch, J. Sweeney, J. Spencer, Marshall, W. Waite, W. Howlong, D. Leslie, H. B. Montefiore, J. Te Kloot, C. S. Mein, W. Henny, A. G. M'Lean, M'Sym, Miss Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Levy, Mrs. Lazarus and 3 children, Mr and Mrs. Campbell and child and servant, Miss Bailey, Mrs. Devere, Mr. and Mrs. J. Budd, Mrs. Crowther, and 41 in the steerage. To Adelaide—Mr. J. W. Mattinson and 9 in the steerage.

Evangeline, barque, 487 tons, Captain Gregory, for Akyab, in ballast.

Tasmania (s.), 285 tons, Captain Clinch, for Hobart Town. Passengers—Mrs. and Miss Cox and 3 children, Mrs. Rheaheas, Misses Darley (2), Master Darley (2), Messrs. Trollope, Darley, Cox, Mrs. Darley, and 1 in the steerage.

Sea Gull, schooner, 84 tons, Captain Champion, for Taranaki. Passengers—Messrs. Kelly, Short, Brown, Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. O'Neill, Mrs. Champion, Miss Maguire.

COASTERS INWARDS.—DECEMBER 18.

Titania, from Wollongong, with 40 tons coal; Hereulean, Atlantic, H.M. Warfield, Lavina, Catherine Agnes, Cumberland, Mountain Maid, Tiger, from Newcastle, with 877 tons coal; Lightning, from Manning River, with 191 bags maize, 12 hides, 2 crops fowls, 2 boxes eggs; Economist, Peahen, Agenoria, from Brisbane Water, with 1000 baskets shells, 8000 feet timber; Aldin, from Morpeth, with 73 tons coal; Nora Creina (s.), from Wollongong, with 126 kegs butter, 16 pigs, 14 calves, 10 cases eggs, 6 coops poultry; Sarah Dent, from Port Hacking, with 400 baskets shells; Collaroy (s.), from Morpeth, with 93 bales wool, 190 bales hay, 10 coops poultry, 5 horses, 50 hides.

COASTERS OUTWARDS.—DECEMBER 18.

Catherine Agnes, Zone, Grafton, Atlantic, Petrel, for Newcastle; Industry, for the Hawkesbury; Agenoria, Peahen, Economist, for Brisbane Water; Corio (s.), for Bellambi.

IMPORTS.—DECEMBER 18.

Thane of Fife, from Rockhampton: 20 bales wool, Lamb, Parbury, and Co.; 14 bales wool, Gilchrist, Watt, and Co.; 21 bales wool, Mort and Co.; 10 casks tallow, 57 hides, Order.

Jenny Dove, from South Sea Islands: 68 tons cocoanut oil, C. Smith.

Constance, from Auckland: 208 bags gum, Laidley, Ireland, and Co.; 20 bales wool, Order.

EXPORTS.—DECEMBER 18.

Tasmania (s.), for Hobart Town: 23 packages, P. N. Russell and Co.; 15 tierces beef, J. Eadell; 30 tierces beef, F. O'Connor; 6 cases, J. and E. Rowe; 21 cases fruit, H. Griffiths.

Sea Gull, for Taranaki: 6 packages tea, 5 packages, J. C. Reid; 40 cases whisky, 10 cases ale, 7 packages, S. A. Joseph; 10 tons coal, 3 casks, Laidley, Ireland, Co.; 21 packages, P. N. Russell and Co.; 2 tons sugar, 9 packages, J. J. Peacock; 3 packages, Fuss, son, and Co.; 25 packages, T. Kelly; 1 hogshead treacle, 72 bags sugar, Colonial Sugar Company; 1 package tobacco, N. Gilbert; 1 keg, Elliott, Brothers; 1 case tobacco, 1 case cigars, A. Hamilton; 258 bags barley, 129 packages, C. H. Fowell.

Warrnah (s.), for Wide Bay: 1 package tobacco, 2 cases, Watkins and Leigh; 3 packages tea, 8 bags sugar, 1 quarter-cask brandy, 17 packages, Hughes and Co.; 1 tun rock salt, 5 packages tea, 1 package, Griffiths, Fanning, and Co.; 49 cases genevs, 31 quarter-casks wine, 2 quarter-casks 20 cases whisky, 2 hogsheads brandy, 6 hogsheads rum, 30 packages beer, 6 packages wine, French, Brothers, and Gore; 1 case rum, M'Cue; 1 bag rice, 17 casks staves, 80 bags flour, 27 bags salt, 2 packages tobacco, 5 packages tea, 102 bundles hoops, 86 bags sugar, 29 packages Gilchrist, Watt, and Co.; 2 quarter-casks wine, 1 hogshead rum, 2 cases brandy, N. Gifford; 1 hogshead rum, Dangar, Gilchrist, and Co.; 2 hogsheads ale, 2 packages tobacco, 2 hogsheads rum, Fraser and Co.; 1 case brandy, 10 cases old tom, Tucker and Co.; 31 bags sugar, 29 bags flour, 1 package tea, 4 packages tobacco and sundries; 1 half ton salt, 30 bags flour, 18 bags sugar, 10 packages, C. M'Donald; 31 bags sugar, 15 packages, S. Bennett and Co.; 2 hogsheads 12 cases ale, 1 quarter-cask wine, Thompson and Co.; 1 quarter-cask wine, J. and E. Row; 15 bags flour, 2 packages tea, 21 bags sugar, 1 package, C. Lotz and Garnsey; 13 bags bran, 6 packages, R. Tredale and Co.; 3 cases, Farmer and Painter; 2 packages, Weekes and Co.; 80 staves, 19 packages, R. Nott; 1 horse, Brown; 3 packages, W. Pinhey; 2 cases, Stanford and Co.; 17 packages, C. Bennett and Co.; 6 cases fruit, Penfold; 2 cases, M'Arthur and Co.; 20 bags flour, 21 bags bran, Ferris and son; 10 casks, E. and W. Paul; 15 packages, Beames; 3 cases, D. Jones; 2 packages, R. Bailey; 1 package, 4 cases, Lewis and Co.; 11 bags oil, 50 bags flour, 22 packages, Armitage and Co.; 1 case, Prince, Bray, and Ogg; 4 packages, 1 spar; 13 packages, Chapman and Co.; 7 packages, Bicknell and Bennett; 8 coils rope, 12 packages, J. Keep; 3 cases, Jones and Simpson; 2 cases, E. Hughes; 3 packages, Young, Gale, and Co.; 1 case, Merrill and Downing; 8 cases, T. O'Neill; 50 bags flour, H. H. Beauchamp; 8 packages, Ashdown and Co; 8 packages, Lewis and Co.; 4 boxes, H. Beit; 1 dray, Beteriey, Dean, and Co.; 1 package, Aspinwall.

SHIPS' MAILS.

MAILS will close at the General Post Office, as follows:—

For New Caledonia.—By the Gazelle, this day, at noon, if not underway.

For Brisbane.—By the Yarra Yarra (s.), this day, at 5-30 p.m.

For New Caledonia.—By the Eagle, this day, at noon.

For Rockhampton.—By the Eagle (s.), this day, at 5-30 p.m.

MAILS BY THE SALSETTE.

General Post Office, December 14th, 1861.

The mails by the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company's steamer SALSETTE will be made up at this office on SATURDAY, the 21st instant, at 6 p.m. for all letters not addressed to the United Kingdom, and at 8 p.m. for all letters so addressed. Newspapers must be posted one hour before the letters, or, at 5 and 7 respectively.

The following mails will be despatched, viz.:—To the United Kingdom, via Marseilles and via Southampton. To France and other Continental States (in a closed mail to France). To the Northern countries of Europe, via Trieste. To Melbourne, Tasmania, Adelaide, Western Australia, Mauritius, Suez, Alexandria, Malta, Aden, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Ceylon, Batavia, Singapore, Manilla, China, the Cape of Good Hope, and St. Helena.

Registered letters will not be received after 4 p.m. 21st instant. All letters and newspapers not otherwise marked will be forwarded by this opportunity. Letters intended to be transmitted by any of the special routes above mentioned, viz., "via Marseilles" (in closed mail to France), or "via Trieste," must be so addressed.

Rates.—All letters going to or through the United Kingdom must be prepaid; and the additional charge on those sent "via Marseilles" is 2s. 6d. the quarter-ounce. Or letters addressed "by the closed mail to France," the prepaid postage only (the half ounce) is required. On letters sent "via Trieste" the postage (as already notified) is 1s. the half-ounce.

JOHN V. H. CHRISTIE, Postmaster-General.

N.B.—All letters posted in the iron letter receivers must be so posted before 3 p.m. 21st, and newspapers before 2 p.m. same date.

THE HOMEWARD RUN OF THE DAMASCUS.

The following extract of a letter from Sir W. M. Burton, has been handed to us for publication. His account of the many perils by which the good ship was encompassed during her voyage, will be read with much interest by the numerous friends of Sir William. He says:—

We were eighty-eight days on our passage home, thirty to Cape Horn; and part of the time, between the antipodes and the Cape, we were beset by icebergs, some of a very large size—a-head and on either side for 2000 miles. Our good captain passed eleven days consecutively on deck, only taking rest by snatches during the day, aroused at every cry of ice! The cold was extreme; from freezing point, and below it; and on one whole night at 32°. But none of us suffered from it, save the ladies, and they only from the inconvenience of having to keep their cabins, and even bed for a week together. For two weeks, and a day intervening, the children never ceased their play from rising till bed time, although the good ship was too lively to permit their elders to keep on their legs. I intend to enclose herein a rough sketch, but a perfectly correct one, taken by the captain himself from his chart, shewing the particulars of this part of the voyage.

It may be useful in your hands to navigators from your part of the world.

It seemed the general supposition, and it was my own, that in the winter season our course would be five from ice; the theory appearing to be that during that time it would be fast locked up in the higher latitudes, and that when loosened from the land by summer sun and a heaving sea, it floats out to the north, and there melts away; during which time—as in spring and summer—it would be more likely to be met with than at any other. I think our experience showed this theory to be false, the icebergs we saw were of an altitude (one upwards of 170 feet, and another 300), and size (like islands) and appearance, which could not have been the formation of a season, but rather the growth and accumulation of many years. We saw the submerged part of one of these, which was covered with green grass and weed, and shellish, so thickly that when thrown up-side by the rolling mass it was taken for an island, and the chief officer was actually engaged in sketching it as such, and the captain was prepared to examine it more closely, when it rolled back again, and its white body appeared, then we saw that what we had first thought to be land was no other than the accumulation of sea plants and shells! an accumulation we thought of many years; and doubtless others, perhaps all were similar in their submerged portions. One we hailed, for so I should call it, appeared like the mask of a ship covered with ice, which might have been the case (so I think) if destroyed above board by fire, or dismasted, and in that state enduring the rain and snow and freezing of many winters: the example of our own ship with rigging and sides coated with ice, showed how the original frame may be lost, and an ice island formed by years of accumulation.

The theory I form, it may be hastily, perhaps, is, that, whatever the foundation of these ice islands at their commencement, they have been increased year by year to their present size, and floating about as they are driven by winds and currents, may be found, according as winds and currents have set, either north or south of, or upon the track of vessels from Australia, and so must be looked for at every time of the year. I do, however, deny that those we met with were the productions of one year; that supposition must be exploded. Some, by drifting to the northward, may be melted away, and doubtless are, but many more are increased by the action of the elements rather than diminished.

The rough path is strictly correct as to the numbers we passed, and the relative size is attempted to be shown, from which you may judge how perilous must be a voyage thus beset.

Our captain left at the exact time calculated to have a full moon when in the Doldrums, and we found that of great service to us; still the sheet and the mist attendant upon icebergs greatly impeded the moon's rays.

Captain Murray deserved and received our thankful acknowledgment of his services with a small purse, for the purchase of a remembrance of our regard; not so large as he deserved, but all we could give.

The ship was abundantly and liberally supplied, and we fared as well as we could in any ship.

CUSTOM HOUSE.—Entered outwards: December 18, Curlew, schooner, 228 tons, Captain Chapman, for Melbourne; Yarra Yarra (s.), 500 tons, Captain Bell, for Brisbane; Eagle (s.), 266 tons, Captain Bailey, for Rockhampton.

The Jenny Dove is last from the Kingsmill Group. She reports having spoken the brig Irvine on the line.

The Constance has had light variable winds since leaving Auckland on the 4th instant. No vessels have been sighted.

The Zone, with troops on board, for the Patrol Bay, in Sussex-street, being overhauled and repaired.

THE MORPETH.—Advices have been received by the H. R. N. Co. of their fine new steamer Morpeth, which made her trial trip on the 25th of October, the day before the mail left, the result being most satisfactory, her speed exceeding even the most sanguine expectations of her builders. The guaranteed average speed of this vessel is sixteen miles per hour; her dimensions are nearly the same as the A. S. N. Co.'s steamer Prince of Wales, with engines of 50 horse-power greater. The Morpeth was to leave under steam and canvas for Sydney the first week in November.

MAILS BY THE NORTHAM.—The mails received by the Northam consist of 154 packages, containing 19,864 letters, 178 books, and 21,734 newspapers.

	Letters.	Books.	Newspapers.
Australian ports	320	2	200
Indian ports	864	2	1,848
Northern countries of Europe	23	0	2
Continental States	408	0	191
United Kingdom via Marseilles	5,049	69	4,390
Ditto via Southampton ...	11,995	101	15,100
Total	19,864	176	21,734

[BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.]

MELBOURNE.

ARRIVALS.

December 17.—Kellermont, from Newcastle; Lady Bird, from Portland.

DEPARTURES.

December 18.—Pharamond, for Guam.

WINDS AND WEATHER.

December 18, 9 a.m.—Queenscliff, W., dull.
Armidale, W., strong, fine, warm.
Tamworth, calm, fine.
Murrurundi, W., fine, clear.
Newcastle, S., fine, clear.
Goulburn, W., fine.
Braidwood, calm, fine, dull.
Gundagai, S. W., fine.
Wagga Wagga, calm, cloudy.
Kiandra, N.W., strong.
Deniliquin, N.E., fine.

STATE OF THE LINES.

Intercolonial, communication perfect.
Northern " "
Kiandra " "
Western " "
Railway " "
South Road " "
Adelaide " "

NEWCASTLE.

ARRIVAL.

December 18.—Victoria (s.), from Sydney.

DEPARTURES.

December 17.—Pioneer, schooner, Briggs, for Brisbane, with 472 bags maize, 73 bags bran, 80 boxes soap, 101 bales hay, 446 planks and scantling, 120 boards, and 206 pieces bacon.

COASTERS INWARDS.

December 17th.—Cyclone, from the Richmond River; Venture, brig, from sydney.

December 18.—Margaret Elizabeth, from Sydney.

AUCKLAND.

ARRIVALS.

November 25.—Deva, from Newcastle.

November 30.—Breadalbane, from Sydney.

December 2.—Orishaa, from Newcastle; Annie Laurie, from South Sea Islands; Atkins Adams, from a whaling voyage.

The barque Atkins Adams, Captain Wilson, New Bedford is last from Waitotuka, 37 months out, with 800 barrels sperm, 80 barrels whale oil. She has come to refit and refresh, and has about a dozen and a half of land turtle on board in fine condition. On the 27th ultimo, off the Three Kings, Captain Wilson spoke the Rainbow, of New Bedford, Nicholls, with 300 barrels sperm, and Sea Gull, of New Bedford, Nicholls, with 1700 barrels sperm; both ships were bound for Norfolk Island. Off the Gallepagos, on the 3rd October, spoke the Joseph Grinnell, Thomas, New Bedford, 36 months out, with 1250 barrels sperm; and barque Columbia, Green, New Bedford, 32 months out, with 550 barrels sperm.—*New Zealander*, October 4.

The barque Crishna arrived on Sunday, from Newcastle, with a cargo of 396 tons coal. Took her departure on November 18th, and on the 25th shipped a sea which smashed the bulwarks, and carried away three stanchions abreast of the forerigging.—*Southern Cross*, October 8.

The cutter Annie Laurie arrived in harbour yesterday, after a fine run from Vavoa of nine days. She reports having spoken the barque Camilla in latitude 22° 24 S., and longitude 175° 32 W., 49 days from San Francisco, bound for Melbourne; also, the sperm whaler Spartan, of Nantucket, in latitude 27° 10 S., and 178 W. She reports that the whaling fleet cruising off Sunday Island and the French Rock have had very different success this season. The largest quantities taken have been the Hudson, Fish, 350 barrels since September; and the Sophia Thornton, Briggs, 250 barrels during the same period. Captain Fish reports, also, having seen a brig cruising off Sunday Island, supposed to be the Prince Edward, of Mongonui. She reports the schooner Stag-hound and brig John Wesley, from Sydney, at Upolu.—*Southern Cross*, October 8.

MANILA.

VESSELS LOADING.

October 26.—For Sydney, Great Britain.

SINGAPORE.

VESSELS LOADING.

October 31.—Ouingh, for Adelaide.

VESSELS PASSED ASWER.

October 12.—Cargo, Melbourne to Batavia.
October 17.—Gunyon, Singapore to Lemon River.
October 24.—Julie, Batavia to Sydney.
October 27.—Reine des Anges, Sydney, for orders.

BATAVIA.

ARRIVALS.

October 14.—Guinea, from Newcastle.
October 16.—Scargo, from Melbourne.
October 21.—Telegraph, from Melbourne.
October 28.—Deutschland, from Melbourne.
October 30.—Kandanghauer, from Melbourne.

DEPARTURES.

October 17.—Curl, for Melbourne.
October 20.—Julie, for Sydney.
October 31.—Sea Nymph, for Melbourne.

VESSELS LOADING.

October 31.—For Australia, Jurgen Bruhn, Martha Jacobs.

FOO CHOW FOO.

DEPARTURES.

October 7.—Miranda, for Sydney. Cargo: 397,800 lbs. tea.
October 28.—Metaris, for Melbourne. Cargo: 389,300 lbs. tea.

HONGKONG.

DEPARTURES.

October 9.—Samuel Falls, for Sydney.—120 emigrants. Cargo: 15,600 lbs. tea, 4600 piculs sugar, 700 piculs oil, 6000 taels opium, 7000 packages, 76 coils rope.

October 21.—Paradise, for Melbourne 19 emigrants. Cargo: 150,000 lbs. tea, 1720 piculs sugar, 1500 piculs oil, 35,000 taels opium, 8880 packages.

VESSELS LOADING.

November 1.—For Sydney and Melbourne—Agincourt, Formosa, Fons Jillie, Margaret, Elisa, Juverna.

To the Editor of the Herald.

SIR,—A custom which has grown somewhat musty and nearly obsolete I see has been again revived rather conspicuously on the arrival of the Duncan Dunbar. I did not think it was necessary to lay the "flattering unction" so thickly on one who was the hero of so many voyages as Captain Nesbby.

The first effusion from the passengers we might have taken as a matter of course, as such things are generally concocted at the proper time. The second smacks a little of something studied But the third, from a mere type of the Royal Navy, savours so much of bosh, that it were far better for Captain Nesbby to have said, "Save me from my friends," than to have used it through your medium.

It has been held by good authorities—and so is doubt true—that many, after arrival in New South Wales, have to bake their own bread, brew their own tea, and some to sound their own trumpet. In this case we have one of the Royal Navy, not only sounding his own, and assisting Captain Nesbby to sound his trumpet, but creating a phantom (alluding to some ill-disposed persons) for the purpose of causing the general public to make some inquiry. This gentleman has been rather a misfortune to Captain Nesbby than otherwise — the first portion of his epistle, might have been taken for what it was worth; but the conclusion creates a desire to ask "to what does it refer?"

I think the shortest plan for Captain Nesbby would be, to publish the testimonial he received on his last arrival in England. There was at least one passenger on board at that time quite as competent to give an opinion on nautical matters, and other details connected with a passenger-ship, as Mr. Arguinbau.

It shows clearly that something has gone wrong at another time, hence this attempt at puffing. Besides, it is reported, that on arrival here one of the passengers said, with a great flourish, that Captain Nesbby had retrieved his character. I take it for granted that implies that it had been lost.

Let us hope, however, that such was not the case, both for the sake of Captain Nesbby and the passengers he may chance to get home this voyage.

Yours, &c.,

ARGO.

Sydney, December 15.

PORT OF SYDNEY.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.—DECEMBER 18.

IMPORTS.

Beer, 200 packages	...	£490	Hardware, 221 packages	£1741
Bags, 8 bales	...	16	Oil stores, 250 packages	... 200
Blue, 45 cases	...	202	Paper, 65 bales	... 809
Boots, 30 packages	...	890	Plated ware, 1 case	... 65
Books, 5 cases	...	225	Piano, 1	... 105
Chicory, 80 cases	...	240	Rum, 65 hogsheads	... 802
Drugs, 2 cases	...	12	Seeds, 3 packages	... 32
Earthenware, 4 packages		105	Saddlery, 6 packages	... 258
Effects, 17 cases	...	272	Stationery, 1 case	... 60
Fancy goods, 1 case	...	50	Tallow, 35 casks	... 440
Fruit, 56 packages	...	86	Wool, 536 bales	... 22,715
Hides, 108	...	96		

EXPORTS.

Ale, 7 hogsheads	...	£35	Horses, 69	... £2180
Biscuits, 27 packages	...	66	Hay, 17 tons	... 102
Boots, 35 packages	...	367	Haberdashery, 1 case	... 60
Butter, 83 tubs	...	279	Ironmongery, 109 packages	... 436
Books, 4 cases	...	96	Leather, 16 packages	... 310
Beer, 174 packages	...	639	Maize, 250 bushel-	... 71
Bitters, 1 case	...	12	Metal, 22 pigs	... 30
Brandy, 179 packages	...	400	Machinery, 78 packages	... 620
Coal, 488 tons	...	488	Oats, 600 bushels	... 540
Cartridges, 7 cases	...	57	Oilcloth, 178 packages	... 947
Cooperage, 110 tons	...	1710	Printing materials, 30 packages	... 207
Canary seed, 18 packages		32	Rifles, 1 case	... 50
Clothing, 5 cases	...	150	Resin, 23 barrels	... 46
Clocks, 2 cases	...	12	Rum, 30 hogsheads	... 300
Cheese, 11 cases	...	254	Saddlery, 5 cases	... 176
Casks, 6 bales	...	65	Soda, 16 casks	... 44
Coffee, 1 ton	...	70	Sovereigns, 2 boxes	... 10,000
Drays, 7	...	90	Sugar, 3 tons	... 219
Drugs, 15 packages	...	121	Stationery, 3 cases	... 170
Drapery, 59 packages	...	2205	Tallow, 16 casks	... 760
Earthenware, 6 packages		—	Tea, 616 packages	... 1171
Sheets, 48 packages	...	265	Tobacco, 12 packages	... 383
Fish, 20 packages	...	75	Vestas, 11 cases	... 212
Fruit, 406 packages	...	474	Whalebone, 14 packages	... 90
Flour, 44 tons	...	581	Whisky, 31 packages	... 62
Fancy goods, 44 packages		1315	Wool, 3454 bales	...66,541
Glass, 10 packages	...	18	Wine, 140 packages	... 702
Genera, 338 packages	...	491		
Hides, 3383	...	1870		
Hardware, 18 packages	...	213		

[ADVERTISEMENT.]

To Captain Robert Murray, commander of the ship Damascus.

SIR,—We, the undersigned passengers, by the ship Damascus, from Sydney to London, desire, previous to our disembarkation, to express the sense we entertain of your judicious, zealous, unwearied, and careful attention to the safety of the ship and her freight, and the preservation of the many lives committed to your charge, especially evinced during an unusually arduous passage through ice extending over no less than 71 degrees of longitude and six degrees of latitude, and besetting the ship's path through that perilous region ahead, and on either side, for nearly 2500 miles.

We witnessed with admiration, but yet with painful concern, on account of its necessity, that you passed 17 whole consecutive nights on deck on the watch, for the general safety, at a time when the thermometer ranged no higher than the freezing point, sometimes lower, and during one whole night no low as 22 degrees of Fahrenheit; while, at the same time, by your cheerfulness and energy, you gave confidence and courage to us all. Of such services we feel the value, but they are above all price.

Secondly, we thankfully acknowledge the frank and seamanlike attention shown to us all.

We have now happily concluded a novice ordinary voyage, under no ordinary circumstances, and consider that, under Divine Providence, we owe our best thanks to you, your excellent officers, and crew for the precautions with which we have been guarded and the comforts by which we have been surrounded. We accordingly offer to you, and to them through you, our hearty and cordial thanks. Their services we highly estimate, the remembrance of them will be long retained by us: we have but one regret, namely, that we cannot reward them as they deserve.

We, however, beg you to accept from us a small purse, the contents of which you may apply to some purpose of your own choice; which shall remind you in after days of

Your faithful and obliged friends,

(Signed)

William Henry Stephens	Edwin Roberts
Louise Levinll Stephens	Henry F. Coleman
Henry Rickards	Donald Rytie
Wm. Barker	Jane Rytie
George Strachan	Ed. Austin Flynne
W. W. Burton	Robert Rose
M. Alpire, Burton	H. Emma Rose
James Nimmo	Jane Coleman
Jane Nimmo	Edward Barnard
William Clarke	Jane Lawson.

September 27th, 1861.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 9 A.M. 18TH DECEMBER.

Stations.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Dry bulb.	Wet bulb.	Max. shade.	Min. shade.	Rain gauge.	Direction of wind.	Force of wind.	Extent of cloud.
Albury ...	29·102	66°	63°	58°	76°	51°	...	N.E.	1	10
Goulburn ...	27·686	64°	64°	51°	77°	43°	...	W.	2	0
Bathurst ...	29·725	71°	69°		80°	45°	...	W.	2	1
Newcastle.	29·82	74°	71°	63°	2	94°	60°	...	S.	2	1

STATE OF THE WEATHER.

Albury, fine; Goulburn, fine and clear; Bathurst, fine; Newcastle, fine and clear.

South Head.—Wind, westerly; weather, fine.

SYDNEY HEADS.

	TIDE	WINDS.	REMARKS.
Dec. 18.	9·30 a.m.	N.W.	Moderate, and clear.
	Noon.	N.E.	Ditto, and ditto.
	5 p.m.	N.E.	Ditto, and ditto.

DIARY.

MEMORANDA TO THE NEXT PUBLICATION.

1861. December.		SUN. Rises.	Sets.	HIGH WATER. Morn.	After
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MOON.—Last quarter, 25th instant, 7h. 56m a.m.

The Sydney Morning Herald.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1861.

In the Legislative Council, yesterday,

Sir W. MANNING renewed his question as to whether the Government intended to lay upon the table papers referring to assisted immigration.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL, in the absence of Mr. Robertson, requested that notice might be given, which was accordingly given for this day.

The Tobacco Duties Bill, and the River Murray Customs Amendment Bill, were taken through committee without amendment.

The report of the committee of the whole on the Sale of Liquors Licensing Bill was adopted. Bill to be read a third time this day.

The Navigable Waters Protection Bill was further considered in committee, and, on the motion of Mr. GORDON, the maximum penalty was reduced from five to one hundred pounds. The bill was reported with amendments.

The House then went into committee on the Property Law and Trustees' Relief Bill, the several clauses of which were agreed to without amendment.

The Richmond Bridge Company's Act Amendment Bill was also taken through committee of the whole and the report adopted.

The House adjourned at a quarter past six o'clock until four p.m. this day.

THE Legislative Assembly met yesterday at twenty-five minutes past three p.m.

Papers laid upon the table by Mr. COWPER, having reference to the case of the Rev. Mr. Chaucer, were ordered to be printed.

In answer to Mr. MORIARTY, Mr. WEEKES stated that the trustees of the Savings Bank had no authority to purchase debentures of any other colonial Government, with money deposited by persons in this colony.

In answer to Mr. DANIEL, Mr COWPER said that there was no intention to publish a map of the colony on the same scale as that of Sir Thomas Mitchell's three-sheet map of the nineteen counties, but that a map of the colony on the scale of sixteen miles to the inch, had been completed, and would be published next month.

A schedule of the distribution of votes for subordinate roads was laid upon the table by Mr. COWPER, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. FORSTER presented a petition from four miners, representing themselves as shareholders of a mining company at Kiandra, complaining of unjust orders and decisions by Mr. Sub-commissioner Cooper.

The same hon. member, as chairman of the committee in the case of Mr Quodling, and in accordance with instructions from the committee, reported that he had received a telegram from one of the witnesses summoned to give evidence before the same committee, namely, Mr. Bayly, superintendent of roads at Yass, to the effect that he could not attend the committee, in consequence of not having received an answer to his application to the department for leave to attend. The hon. member read the telegram.

In answer to Mr. LUCAS, Mr. ARNOLD stated that the Engineer for Harbours and Rivers had inspected and reported on the state of Cook's River Dam, and had made plans and estimates—that the estimate amounted to £850—and that the Government had called for tenders, and entered into a contract.

With reference to the report above alluded to, made by Mr. Forster as chairman of a select committee, the SPEAKER said that before the House could take any action in the matter, it would be necessary for some hon. member to make a motion.

Mr. FORSTER said he had reported in pursuance of the instructions of the committee. He should decline moving anything without instructions, lest he might be accused of moving a vote of censure on the Government.

The Committee on Ways and Means was postponed to the next day week, the adjourned debate on the Land Titles Declaration Bill to the next day, the Queensland Debt Bill and the Bill for amending the Railways and Roads Acts to Monday next, the Police Regulation Bill to a later period of the evening, the Land Transfer and Registry Bill to the next day, and the Bonded Distilleries and Sugar Houses Bill to Monday next.

The House having gone into Committee of Supply, £5225 for the Colonial Architect's department, and £379 for fortifications, were carried without discussion or division.

Mr. ARNOLD moved that a sum of £64,417 be granted for "public works and buildings." This item created much discussion. Complaints were made of the state of gaols and lock-ups in the interior, and of the want of information.

Mr. PIDDINGTON moved the reduction of the first sub-item for "repairs, alterations, and additions," from £12,000 to £10,000. The reduction was negatived without division. Mr. Cowper and Mr. Arnold furnished a number of details, in reply to questions relative to the employment of prisoners in the various gaols, the condition of lunatics in the Asylums at Parramatta and Tarban Creek, and the claim of the military commanding officer for additional barrack accommodation.

Mr WINDEYER moved the omission of a sub item of £1200 for the purpose last specified. The motion was negatived by 23 to 17.

Mr. DALGLEISH moved the reduction of the same item to £1000, which was negatived without division.

The total item was then passed, as also one of £1000 to pay off debentures.

An item of £65,000 "to be raised by loan," for various purposes, was postponed.

A sum of £13,290 was voted, after some discussion, for "Harbours and River Navigation." Motions of Mr. STEWART for the reduction of a sub-item of £400 for the salary of the chief surveyor and craftsman to £350, and for the omission of another of £300 for the salary of a draftsman, being negatived without division.

In moving the next item of £4575 for "Public Works," Mr. ARNOLD laid upon the table a plan of certain improvements which the Government propose carrying out at the head of Farm Cove. The plan had reference to two sub-items of £1000 each for "landing sill from dredge and forming ground," and for "sea wall, Botanical Gardens." Considerable discussion ensued, principally with reference to the proposed improvements, about which various opinions were expressed. Finally, the total item passed without division.

To the next item of £28,600, "to be raised by loan," for various public works, objections were taken by several hon. members, chiefly on account of the way in which the money was to be raised. After much discussion,

Mr. LUCAS moved the omission of the first sub-item of £6000 for Improvements to Moruya River. The motion was negatived by 34 to 4.

The omission of £5000 for wharf accommodation at Newcastle, moved by Mr. FORSTER, was negatived by 35 to 3.

The omission of £3400 for steam cranes at Newcastle, moved by Mr. LUCAS, was negatived by 27 to 11.

The omission of £700 for a pier at Bellambi, moved by Mr. LUCAS, was negatived by 32 to 7.

The omission of £1000 for a stone dyke at Newcastle, moved by Mr. LUCAS, was negatived by 38 to 2.

The omission of £1000 for a dyke at the Shoalhaven River, moved by Mr. FORSTER, was negatived by 38 to 2.

The omission of £2500 for a wharf at Ulladulla, moved by Mr. LUCAS, was negatived by 33 to 3.

The omission of £10,000 for a breakwater and pier at Bellambi, moved by Mr. PIDDINGTON, was, after further discussion, negatived by 23 to 13. The total item was then passed without division.

£6997 for the Fitzroy Dock establishment, £104 for compensation to Mrs. De Courcy, and £4822 for the Auditor-General's Department, were passed in the same way.

Mr. SADLER moved that the Chairman report progress and ask leave to sit again next day, which was negatived by 20 to 17.

Mr. FORSTER then moved that the Chairman leave the chair. The motion was negatived by 20 to 13.

Similar motions, having the object of removing the Chairman from the chair, were moved in succession by Mr. DALGLEISH, and Mr. PIDDINGTON, and negatived by 19 to 14, and 20 to 11 respectively.

Mr. COWPER moved that the sum of £3036 9s. 9d. be granted by way of pensions to a number of individuals, upon which Mr. DALGLEISH moved the omission of £379 8s. 4d., being a pension for Mr. William Lithgow. The omission was negatived without division.

The same hon member again moved the resumption of the House, which was negatived by 20 to 9.

A majority of 20 to 6 decided in favour of a pension of £198 12s. 6d. for Mr. Samuel Raymond, the omission of which had been moved by the same hon member, who then moved in succession the reduction of the same pension to 12s. 6d. and to 12s. 6jd., both which motion were negatived by 21 to 6, and 21 to 2 respectively.

The reduction of the same pension to £198 12s. was moved by Mr. GRAY, and carried without division.

Another motion by Mr. DALGLEISH for resumption of the House resulted in the discovery that only nineteen members were present, which, having been duly reported,

The SPEAKER adjourned the House at 11 minutes past 5 a.m. to the usual hour the same day.

APART from the personal feelings elicited by the lamentable case of Miss LOFTUS, there is a deep and growing interest in the administration of the law on the subject of suicide. We maintain still that questions arise involving very sacred interests, in which ordinary jurymen, unless under able guidance, and after a long and careful investigation, cannot be expected to pronounce a satisfactory verdict. When we consider the lasting sorrow, as well as loss, an error may inflict on survivors; and when we reflect on the large number of every population treated for insanity—temporary or permanent—we must all admit that it is a subject which comes close to the hearts and homes of men.

Amongst all the forms of disease by which humanity is assailed, none is more subtle and difficult to define. Thus all who have stated symptoms short of a perfect development have been open to ridicule and challenge. While some physicians have been accused of charging all men with insanity, others have admitted nothing as decisive but grinning idiocy or raving madness.

When, however, the question of madness comes up in civil or criminal trials, the party concerned is present. He or his friends are warned beforehand to collect the necessary proofs; the Judge has had a professional training, the counsel array their cases, and the justice of the court and the interest of the accused secures a full hearing; and, when necessary, a postponement of trial. But a coroner's inquest is an off-hand proceeding. We do not doubt that, in general, our coroners' juries answer their institution perfectly well, but we maintain that they are not commonly capable without assistance to form a sound judgment on a case like that of Miss LOFTUS.

When we consider that the love of life is strong in us all naturally, we must suspect that any man who kills himself is mad. This presumption may be contradicted by evidence; but when a person of moral habits, of strong religious feelings, of competent circumstances, and of good repute, destroys himself, we must infer with still more confidence that he was a prey to insanity. The act viol

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Carter's fine Cheshire cheese, ex Giant's Causeway, Melbourne
Compton's North Wilts cheese, ex Isles of the South, Sydney
German sausage, 1-lb. tins, very fine
Salmon, Findon haddock, fresh herrings and lobster
Herrings, fresh, in small kegs, ex Star of Peace
Soups—hare, giblet, mulligatawny, hotch potch, &c.
Strasbourg meat, anchovy and bloater paste
Oilmen's stores, from the first houses in England.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

METCALFE and LLOYD (late Hanks and Lloyd) Australian Tea Mart, 478, George-street.

SUPERIOR BLACK TEAS.—METCALFE and LLOYD have the honour to inform their friends, and the public in general, that owing to the scarcity of first-class teas in the Sydney market, they have been induced to import from Melbourne, and are now in receipt of their first shipment, which they particularly recommend. Their stock consists of—

Lapsang souchoug, the finest black tea
Congou, finest rich and full pekoe flavour
Congou, strong souchong flavour
Orange pekoe, finest scented
Oolong, a superior tea for mixing.

METCALFE and LLOYD, Australian Tea Mart, 478, George-street, opposite the Markets.

CHRISTMAS PROVISIONS.—The undersigned desires to call the attention of the inhabitants of Woolloomooloo and its vicinity to his present choice and well assorted Stock of Goods suitable for the present festive season, viz.,

Patras currants, splendid sample, just landed
Cape and Valencia raisins, very fine
Muscatels and Sultana ditto
Jordan and shell almonds, ditto
Barcelona and walnuts, new
French plums and figs
Candied peels, assorted
Mixed spices, cinnamon, &c.
Preserved ginger, 3s. per jar
Jujubes, pastilles, and other confectionery.

E. TIGHE, 60, William-street.

YORK HAMS, VERY FINE
Belfast bacon
Prime North Wilts and other cheese.
E. TIGHE, 60, William-street.

ASSORTED FRUITS, 1s. per bottle; ditto jams, 1s. per bottle. E. TIGHE, 60, William-street.

FRESH SALMON, ditto lobsters, 1s. per tin; ditto oysters, 1s. ditto; anchovy and bloater paste, &c. Heads of families and others requiring Christmas supplies are invited to call and judge for themselves. E. TIGHE, 60, William-street.

ARTICLES of TASTE, for PRESENTATION, ex Steamer Northam.—The undersigned have received advices from their partner Mr. H. Flavelle, who had just returned from Paris, having selected a large assortment of novelties and choice goods, some of which have arrived by Mail, the remainder ex Planet and Maid of Judah. Amongst those by mail are—

Photographic albums
Novelties in charms
Diamond ear-drops
Elegant jewellery
Diamond suites
Watches, hunting and open face, in richly finished cases
Aluminium work
Spectacles in every variety and form of mounting, set with Brazillian pebbles.

F. B. and Co. beg to call particular attention to the new pantoscopic pebbles, new stereoscopic views, microscopes and slides, and various other articles now being marked off, to which we beg to solicit a visit of inspection. FLAVELLE, BROTHERS, and CO., Sydney and Brisbane.

CHRISTMAS.—REDUCTION OF PRICES.—If you want a really cheap and good article, go to J. P. LENNARTZ, wholesale and retail wine and spirit merchant, Grafton Arms, George-street, Nos. 488, 490, and 492, opposite the Markets.

To meet the times, J. P. L. begs most respectfully to inform his friends and the public that he is now selling first-class articles, and at such prices that will defy competition.

N.B.—All orders delivered punctually, free of charge, to any part of the city.

AUSTRALIAN WINES, choicest vintages, in wood and bottle. H. MACHEN and CO., 183, Pitt-st.

NEW SOUTH WALES WINES.—The undersigned have on SALE, in pint and quart bottles, and draught, the following wines, the produce of this colony:—

RED WINES.	WHITE WINES.
Medoc	Hock
Pontac	Frontignac
Burgundy	Malvesia
Erlau.	Madeira.

Tokay.

MEDOC and HOCK. Sold by all Innkeepers, &c., at 1s. per PINT bottle.

G. S. LEATHES and CO., Wholesale Grocers, Wine and Spirit Merchants, 1, Wynyard-street, Sydney.

Country buyers liberally treated with.

NEW CHRISTMAS FRUITS, just landed, consisting of

Cheame and new Eleme raisins
Muscatel and sultana ditto
Currants, French plums, figs
Jordan and shell almonds
New Barcelona nuts, cinnamon
Ground spices, China preserves
Lemon and citron peel.

JOHN HUGHES, George and Market streets.

ADELAIDE FLOUR—Margarey's. N. CASTON, 8, Macquarie-place.

ADELAIDE FLOUR—W. Duffield and Co.'s N. CASTON, 8, Macquarie-place.

ADELAIDE FLOUR—Dunn and Son's. N. CASTON, 8, Macquarie-place.

NEW GOODS, per overland mail.—Messrs. BRUSH and MAC DONNELL have just received the following elegant articles:—

STERLING SILVER PLATE.

Tea and coffee services, in cases; cake baskets
Sets of dessert knives and forks, with mother-o'-pearl handles
Spoons and forks, various patterns; mugs, cups, &c.
Ladies' dressing cases, in rich fancy woods, with mounts in sterling silver.

JEWELLERY.

The new Vienna flower bracelets and brooches, with rich gold clusters, opening for miniatures
Aqua marine and topaz brooches, with pearl circles
Emerald and diamond bracelets
Cameo brooches and bracelets
Diamond half-hoop rings.

WATCHES.

Patent keyless silver hunting watches, with extra dial on outer case
Patent keyless gold race watches, with splitting seconds
Ladies' gold watches, of various patterns, of finest London manufacture.

BRUSH and MAC DONNELL, 326, George-street, Sydney.

TEAS.—ON SALE, by the undersigned:—
Ex Psyche—a very few packages of the best souchong still unsold
Ex Norna—medium to fine congous, very heavy weights
Ex Veloz—(duplicate of the cargo per Conflict, at Melbourne), medium congous
Ex New Great Britain—strong rough congous.

GRIFFITHS, FANNING, and CO., Spring-street.

FEED Oats and Barley for SALE, in lots to suit purchasers. GILCHRIST, WATT, and CO.

CEDAR.—Three Cargoes prime Richmond River Cedar, now landing at Pacific Wharf. W. WRIGHT.

3000 BLUE GUM FELLOES. WILLIAM JOLLY and CO., Timber Wharf, Bathurst-st.

50,000 IRONBARK SPOKES. WILLIAM JOLLY and CO., Timber Wharf, Bathurst-street.

BONES.—150 Tons for SALE, at Newington. Apply to THOMAS DAWSON, 421, George-street.

SALES BY AUCTION.

Martyn's Horse and Carriage Bazaar, 246, Pitt-street, and 235, Castlereagh-street.

MR. CHARLES MARTYN holds a regular SALE BY AUCTION every TUESDAY, THURSDAY, and SATURDAY, at 11 o'clock precisely.

All parties sending horses or other stock, carriages, &c., are requested to forward written instructions previous to sale, stating brands, age, qualification, &c., and amount of reserve, otherwise a sale will be effected to the highest bidder.

N.B.—No responsibility whatever incurred by accident in trying or breaking-in horses.

Horses and Mules.
At Davidson's Sale Yards, Camperdown,
On SATURDAY, 21st.

MR. C. MARTYN has received instructions from R. G. Walker, to sell by auction, at the Sale Yards, Camperdown, on SATURDAY, 21st, at 2 o'clock,

The first half of a draft of horses and mules, from the Wolgan Station.

These horses are represented as very good.

Lachlan Horses.
At the Sale Yards, Camperdown,
On MONDAY, 23rd.

MR. C. MARTYN will sell by auction, at the Sale Yards, on MONDAY, 23rd,

The remaining half of Mr. Hood's horses.

Murrumbidgee Horses.
At Davidson's Sale Yards, Camperdown.

THURSDAY, 19th.

MR. C. MARTYN has received instructions from the Trustees in the Estate of the late Henry Osborne, Esq., to sell by auction, at the Sale Yards, Camperdown, THIS DAY, 19th, at 2 o'clock,

50 head of strong colts, fit for dray and other purposes.

THURSDAY'S General Sale.

MR. CHARLES MARTYN will sell by auction, at the Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock,

The usual variety of saddle and harness horses
Carriages, gigs, dogcarts, spring carts
Drays, trucks, harness, saddlery, &c.

At the Camperdown Yards, at 2 o'clock,

50 head of horses, from the stud of the late Henry Osborne, Esq.

GILBERT and CO. have received instructions from Allan M'Lean, Esq., to sell by public auction, on an early day (due notice of which will be given),

22 head broken and unbroken colts, described as being in first-rate condition.

MR. ARMSTRONG will sell, at his Veterinary Repository, Pitt-street, opposite Tattersall's Hotel, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock,

5 excellent saddle horses
4 horses suitable for dog or spring carts
12 horses, good for saddle and harness.

N.B.—Horses shod on the most approved principles, and on reasonable terms.

Horses just Arrived from Maitland.

MR. J. WOOLLER will sell by auction, at his Horse Repository, Pitt-street, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock,

20 first-class young sound horses, well broken-in, just arrived from Maitland. Also,

Horses and carts, spring carts, dogcarts, drays, &c.

No half-crowns charged for entering horses for sale.

☞ Kerosene Oil.
100 Cases, each two tins.

To Oilmen
To Lamp Manufacturers
To Ironmongers
And others.
Positively without reserve.

JOHN G. COHEN has received instructions to sell, at the Bank Auction Rooms, THIS DAY, December 19, 1861, at half-past 10 o'clock precisely,

100 cases kerosene oil, each 2 tins.

Terms at sale.

☞ Kerosene Lamps
Ditto Chandeliers
Ditto Shades
Ditto Chimneys
Ditto Globes.

At half-past 10 o'clock punctually.

To Lamp Manufacturers
To Ironmongers
To Hotelkeepers
To Buyers for the Interior
To Shippers
To Oilmen and the Trade generally.

Final Auction Sale of
35 Packages of
Kerosene Lamps, Chandeliers, Globes, Chimneys, Shades, &c.

*** Now on view for public inspection, at the Rooms.

Intending Purchasers are informed that the entire Shades, Chimneys, and Globes, will be sold separately from the Lamps (which will be sold complete), in order that the Trade may be supplied with those scarce articles; and the Chandeliers will be sold complete, with Shades, Chimneys, &c.

JOHN G. COHEN has received instructions from Messrs. R. Towns and Co. to sell, at the Bank Auction Rooms, THIS DAY, December 19th, 1861, at half-past 10 o'clock precisely,

KEROSENE LAMPS, CHANDELIERS, &c.

10 packages, viz.,
2 and 3 light saloon chandeliers, comprising B. B. and melon shades
E. B. and ormolu bracket lamps, B. B.
Iron ditto ditto, ditto and A. B.
Ormolu hanging ditto ditto, complete, and bell
E. B. and orm ditto ditto, ditto ditto
2 and 3 light E. B. and ormolu chandeliers, complete
Bronze solar carcel lamps
E. B. and ormolu lamps, B. B.
E. B. and ormolu pint cut pinty lamps
E. B. pint cut ditto opal lamps
Ormolu crysopas gilt lamps
Plain hanging lamps, B. B.
Turquoise common gilt lamps, B.B.
Black full gilt ditto, ditto
Crysopas ditto ditto ditto, ditto
Turquoise full ditto ditto ditto, 3½ to 4 inch
E.B. 1½ pint cut blue vase, D.B., &c., &c., &c.

CHIMNEYS, GLOBES, SHADES, &c.

25 packages containing
Extra chimneys, globes, shades for kerosene lamps, chandeliers, &c., &c., &c.

☞ Punctual attendance of buyers is most particularly requested, viz., at half-past 10 o'clock prompt.

Terms at sale.

☞ Ford's Celebrated Glassware.
Just landed, ex Mutual.

Comprising a very superior assortment.

Most Important
To Buyers of Glassware
To Buyers for the Interior
To Shippers
To Country Storekeepers, and
The Trade generally.

Positively without the slightest Reserve.

*** Buyers are informed that the glassware is now on view. Intending purchasers are respectfully invited to call at the Rooms to inspect this choice lot of goods, the whole being suited for the present requirements of the trade.

JOHN G. COHEN has received instructions from the importers to sell, at the Bank Auction Rooms, THIS DAY, 19th December, 1861, at half-past 10 o'clock precisely,

45 packages of Ford's celebrated glassware, viz.,
Cut tumblers
Ditto sherry wines
Ditto port ditto
Ditto claret
Ditto liqueurs
Ditto light champagnes
Ditto square ditto
Ditto hocks (Oriental green, &c.)
Ditto custards and jellies
Ditto soda water tumblers
Ditto quart and pint decanters
Ditto cut salts
Ditto claret decanters
Quart jugs and goblets
Handled carafles and goblets
Heavy cut quart jugs
Richly-cut dessert centres and stands
Ditto ditto dishes, jugs, &c.
Celery glasses, obscured and cut
Confectioners' jars and covers, 10 to 15 inch
Nursing bottles, cake salvers
Covered sugars and sweetmeats
Candlesticks, opal and pink, turquoise, ruby, and gold, &c.
Flint and amber cut spirit bottles and vine plated corks
Blue and white arian and carved wood butter plates
Pint carafls and tops, bird feeders
Ice bowls, pickle jars, seed boxes
Narrow and wide mouth stoppered bottles
Revolving cruet frames, 3, 4, and 5 holes
Pressed mirror ales
Syrup bottles and metal cups, &c.

*** Substantial luncheon will be provided.

☞ In consequence of the numerous lots to be offered, intending purchasers are requested to be punctual in their attendance.

Terms at sale.

Just in time for
☞ Christmas Presents and New Year's Gifts.
Fancy Goods, Toys, &c.

*** The whole for bona fide Sale at the Bank Auction Rooms, on FRIDAY, December 20th, 1861,
To commence punctually at half-past 10 o'clock.
Very Important to Fancy Warehousemen, Cricketers, Stationers, and others.

JOHN G. COHEN has received instructions to sell, at the Bank Auction Rooms, on FRIDAY, December 20th, 1861, at half-past 10 o'clock precisely,

40 packages of fancy goods, toys, &c., viz.,
Vases, glass, ruby, agate, blue, &c.
Vestops, carved wood dolls with ringlets
Mounted brass cannons, chests of tools, tin toys
Swiss card baskets, sham fight, horns, surprise boxes, magic toys, boxes of ships, cabbage pegs, spoons,
Elegant toilet bottles, save-alls, scyrars, harps
Hand mirrors, dolls, tin drums, scent bottles
I. R. toys, lion, dog, stork, heads, animals, birds, &c.
Crying dolls, brass horns, beads, cannons on wood
China dolls, paints, pomade pots, humming-tops
Lava candlesticks, match boxes, plates, inkstands
Ditto busts (Victoria, Albert), vases, caskets
Ditto cups and saucers, butter coolers, ash-pans, mugs
Ditto salt-cellars, tobacco jars, flower-pots, tea sets
Cedar writing cases, pearl inlaid cribbage boxes
Cribbage boxes and boards, solitaire boards
Purses, fancy leather goods, shell toothpicks
Bracelets, waistbands, shawl pins, tablets
Compasses, papier mache desks, card boxes
P. M. inkstands, envelope boxes, knitting boxes
Card racks, cotton, thimbles, boxes, tea-caddies
Ink in stone jars—half-pint, pint, and quart
Concertinas—20 and 30 inches, walking canes
Transparent slates, carpenters' pencils, hair pins
Steel knitting pins, table-spoons, &c. Also,
Dovetail handle match cricket bats
Spring and improved ditto
Very superior cricket balls.

Terms at sale.

Household Furniture.
To Furniture Buyers and others.

JOHN G. COHEN will sell, on the premises lately occupied by Mr. W. Drynan, 143, Pitt-street, opposite the Union Bank, on MONDAY, December 23, 1861, at 11 o'clock precisely,

The whole of the valuable and substantial household furniture.

Detailed particulars will appear.

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Terms at sale.

☞ Christmas Fruits.
Fine New Raisins.
Just landed.

Very important to Grocers, Storekeepers, Shippers, and others.

JOHN G. COHEN has received instructions from the importers to sell, at the Bank Auction Rooms, at half-past 10 o'clock precisely, TO-MORROW (Friday), December 20th, 1861,

25 barrels fine new raisins.

*** Can be inspected at the Rooms.

Terms at sale.

☞ Christmas Fruits.
10 cases Assorted Candied Peel
75 boxes Almonds
10 barrels Fine New Currants
100 boxes Raisins.

To Grocers, Storekeepers, and others.

JOHN G. COHEN has received instructions to sell, at the Bank Auction Rooms, on FRIDAY, December 20th, 1861, at half-past 10 o'clock precisely,

The undermentioned goods, now landing, viz.,
10 cases assorted candied peel
75 boxes almonds
10 barrels fine new currants
100 boxes raisins.

Terms at sale.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, December 19th, 1861.

*** To commence precisely at half-past 10 o'clock.

No reserve.

100 cases kerosene oil, each 2 tins
16 packages of kerosene chandeliers, lamps, &c.
25 packages of extra chimneys, globes, shades, &c.

For Sale, at the Bank Auction Rooms,

JOHN G. COHEN, auctioneer.

Household Furniture, &c.

MR. H. D. COCKBURN has been instructed to sell by auction, (the proprietor leaving for Queensland) THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock, on the premises, Union-street, off Crown-street, Surry Hills, near Buck's Hotel,

Household furniture, comprising chests of drawers, chiffoniers, bedsteads, bedding, pier and toilet glasses, washstands, chairs, dining tables, crockery, glass, kitchen requisites, &c.

Terms cash. No reserve.

Right very choice Building Site, Waverley.

Adjoining the residence of Messrs. John Taylor and C. M. Evans, and separated only by roads from the Bronte Estate and the residence of Mr. Councillor Simmons. On the south they are bounded by Nelson Road, on the east by Arden-street, now called Simmons-street, at this portion of it. On the north-west they are bounded by the Nelson Bay Road, and on the north by a road separating it from the most elevated portion of the Bronte Estate.

Title—a purchase from the Crown.

T. W. BOWDEN is instructed to sell by auction, at the Land Sale Rooms, 423, George-street, THIS DAY, 19th December, at 11 o'clock,

LOT 1 to 7 are subdivisions of a block of six acres, situated as above described, of various dimensions, as per plan, having north-easterly and southern aspects, with some beautiful scenery.

LOT 8.—An allotment of land, very desirably situated, on the south-eastern slope of the high land at Waverley, near to the residence of Messrs. Raymond and Taylor, and adjoining Mr. C. M. Evans' on the the western side. It contains 1½ acre, cleared and fenced on three sides—all flat land, available for building purposes and a garden. Good water within a few feet of the surface.

Intending purchasers are invited to call at Bleak House, the adjoining property, where further information will be given.

Three Half-Acre Allotments, Coogee Bay.

T. W. BOWDEN will sell by auction, at the Land Sale Rooms, 423, George-street, on THIS DAY, the 19th December, at 11 o'clock,

An allotment directly opposite the reserve for public recreation, known as the Maze or Park, which adjoins the residence of Mr. C. Moore. The allotment is No. 3 of section 4, containing about half an acre, most desirably situated for a marine villa. The frontage is to Beach-street, near to the park entrance, and will be found to be one of the prettiest sites in this highly esteemed locality,

Lot 2.—Is number 9 of section 4, fronting Arden-street, one allotment from Dolphin-street, bounded by Messrs. M'Arthur, Smart, and Harthill, touching on the N.E. corner the lot above described.

Lot 3.—Containing half an acre on the rising ground on the north side of Carr-street, between Brook-street and Arden-street, a little to the left hand coming from the beach, and a short distance above the new hotel lately erected in the main street.

☞ All these allotments are early selections, and certainly very choice spots.

Title—Grant from the Crown.

Terms at sale.

Cottage and Grounds on the Edgecliffe Road, Point Piper Estate.

T. W. BOWDEN will sell by auction, at the Land Sale Rooms, 423, George-street, THIS DAY, the 19th of December, at 11 o'clock,

A cottage and block of land, 1 a. 1 r. 35 p., situated on the Edgecliffe Road, near its intersection with Piper-street, a short distance from the Old South Head Road, about two and a-half miles from Sydney, near Hough's windmill, commanding a good view of a portion of the harbour, the varied and pleasing scenery of the wooded valley, leading to Double Bay and the beautiful country residences and gardens in front and on either side.

The cottage is weatherboard and shingled; contains four rooms, verandah in front, kitchen, and storerooms, fowl-house, &c., in the rear, and suitable for a small family.

There is an abundance of pure water, and good stone can be had on the ground to add to the dwelling what may be thought necessary. The frontage to Edgecliffe Road is 130. More than half the land is enclosed with a paling fence; the rest would make a good paddock. A portion is cultivated as a garden. The whole is held under a lease for ninety-nine years, at the low rent of £12 per year.

Mr. Adams, who resides in it, will show the premises to intending purchasers.

Omnibuses pass within 200 yards every hour of the day.

House and Grounds, Redfern-street, Redfern.

For Positive Sale, December 19th.
By order of the Mortgagee.

T. W. BOWDEN is instructed to sell by auction, at the Land Sale Rooms, 423, George-street, THIS DAY, the 19th December, at 11 o'clock,

A two-storied house, with a balcony back and front, containing three rooms on the first floor, and two rooms with a kitchen on the ground floor, besides some minor outbuildings. At the rear of the allotment is a very substantial three-stall stable, with extensive hay-loft above, built of stone and brick. In the yard is farther accommodation for two horses and a place for hay or harness. A good well of water with a pump in it. The plot of ground is part of lot 29 of section 2, commencing 100 feet from the east side of George-street, having a frontage of 22 feet with a depth of 100 feet, and the house is the nearest to the east side of George-street, on the north side of Redfern-street, about 100 yards from the omnibus stand, at the corner of Redfern and Pitt streets.

The 'buses run every fifteen minutes.

☞ The premises are in good order, well situated, and are occupied by Mr. Blundell.

Title satisfactory. Terms at sale.

Town of Gladstone, Port Curtis.

T. W. BOWDEN will sell by auction, at the Land Sale Rooms, 423, George-street, on THIS DAY, December 19th, at 11 o'clock,

Two valuable allotments in this rising and important town, and situated in an eligible position for shops or stores, having been chosen for this purpose at the first sale held by the Government.

Lot 1.—Contains 30 perches, being No. 23 of section 2 on the Government plan at the corner of Yarroon-street, and a street leading to the water and the wharfs.

Lot 2.—Contains 30 perches adjoining the corner allotment and is No. 24 of section 2 on the plan of the town.

☞ Both of these allotments front Yarroon-street, which is the second from the harbour, and are bounded on the north by Mandleson's and on the west by Hetherington's property.

Title simple and clear.

The Glenryde Estate, Kissing Point.

Only ten minutes' walk from the Steamers Wharf.

T. W. BOWDEN has been favoured with instructions from the proprietor, Major Darvall, to sell by auction, at the Land Sale Rooms, 423, George-street, on THURSDAY, the 19th of December next, at 11 o'clock, if not previously disposed of by private contract,

The well-known and valuable homestead and orchard, known as Glenryde, comprising 28 acres, situated between Gladesville and the English Church at Ryde, Kissing Point, and adjoining to the Roman Catholic Church in that district. The orchard contains 650 orange trees, with a great variety of apples, pears, peaches, plums, and other fruits, and vines.

The buildings are chiefly of brick on stone foundations, sufficiently commodious to accommodate a large family, with every kind of out-buildings necessary for a large establishment.

Adjoining Glenryde are thirteen acres of fine land, having a frontage to the main road leading to Morrison's Bay, at the rear of the property of Charles Blaxland, Esq. (the celebrated Kissing Point).

This block of land is known as the Nursery Orchard, containing about 700 orange trees, and a variety of pears, apples, peaches, plums, and apricots of the choicest kinds, and now either in full bearing or approaching to it. This land has been cultivated and drained at a very considerable cost. There is a gardener's house on the property.

The third lot will comprise eight acres of land having two small Cottages on it, fronting the Bedlam Road, a little below the Catholic Church.

This land was intended to be planted with fruit trees, is fenced in, and so far got ready that the whole may be planted next winter.

A plan now on view at the Rooms.

In the Insolvent Estate of Elias Moses.

T. W. BOWDEN is instructed by Robert Sempill, Esq., official assignee in the above estate, to sell by auction, on TUESDAY, the 31st day of December, at 11 o'clock,

All the right, title, and interest of the official assignee, of and in the equity of redemption of, all that dwelling-house at the corner of Margaret-street and Wynyard-square, late in the occupation of Mr. Simpson; and all those allotments of land adjoining the said dwelling-house, and fronting Wynyard-square. And also all those stores and warehouses at the back of the said dwelling-house, and situated at the corner of Margaret-street and Wynyard-lane.

The above property is mortgaged, and there is now due for principal and interest the sum of £13,929 or thereabouts.

Parker's Family Hotel, York-street.

T. W. BOWDEN is instructed by J. P. Mackenzie, Esq., the official assignee in Mr. Parker's estate, to sell by auction, at the Land Sale Rooms, 423, George-street, THIS DAY, the 19th of December, at 11 o'clock,

All the interest of the official assignee in and to the unexpired portion of a lease of the premises, having yet to run until March, 1864, at a rental of £2 10s. per week. And also his interest in a building about 28 feet by 20, erected by the insolvent with the design of removing it before the termination of the lease. The room was built for and used as a billiard room. The tenant also purchased and fixed the water pipes, gas pipes, and gas fittings.

The official assignee's interest in the whole will be disposed of in one lot.

☞ Intending purchasers can view the premises by applying to the present occupant.

Terms at sale.

Lease of Tollbar.
Mudbank and Cook's River Road.

Auction Sale, SATURDAY, 28th instant, at half-past 2 o'clock,
At the Gate.

PAYTEN and DAY have received instructions from the trustees to sell,

The lease for one year, commencing 1st January, 1862, of the above tollbar, situate just beyond Chippendale, on the Botany Road; together with a two-roomed house, yard, office, &c.

Terms and conditions at sale.

Plantation Ceylon Coffee.
A very splendid sample.
To Grocers, Storekeepers, Coffee Roasters, and others.

THIS DAY.

3 Tierces finest Plantation Ceylon Coffee
5 Barrels finest Plantation Ceylon Coffee.

LE. THRELKELD and CO. will sell by auction, at the City Mart, THIS DAY, at 11,

Finest plantation Ceylon coffee, as above.

Terms at sale.

GREAT CHRISTMAS SALE.

Salad Oil, half-pints and pints
Lobsters, Oysters
Castor Oil, Vinegar
Mustard, Vermicelli
Cocoa, Jams
French Beans, American Beans
Corn, Flour, Caraways
Blue, New Walnuts
York Hams, Sultanas
Soda Crystal, Whiting
Carbonate Soda, Arrowroot
Ketchup, Sauces
Cheese, Bacon
Candied Peel, Sperm Candles
Salt, Normandy Pippins
Pork, Oatmeal, Split Peas
Robinson's Groats, White Wine Vinegar
Preserved Milk, Gelatine
Sodawater Corks, Gingerbeer Corks
Seidlitz Powders, Bottled Fruits
Jams and Jellies.

Important to Grocers, Storekeepers, Merchants, Shippers, and others.

THIS DAY.

LE. THRELKELD and CO. have been instructed to sell by auction, at the City Mart, THIS DAY, at 11,

Invoices of groceries, oilmen's stores, &c., as under—

22 cases Copland's salad oil, ½-pints
8 ditto Thin's ditto, pints
20 ditto Hill and Ledger's ditto, ditto
50 ditto Hamblin, Baker, and Co.'s 1 lb. lobsters
40 ditto ditto oysters
50 ditto Howe's castor oil, ½-pints
50 ditto Batty's vinegar, quarts
50 ditto Colman's mustard, ½ lbs.
83 ditto ditto, lbs.
24 ditto ditto ditto, 7-lb. tins
8 ditto Whybrow's ditto, 1-lb.
6 ditto vermicelli, 7-lb. tins
9 ditto Taylor's cocoa, each 1 cwt.
20 ditto Feast's jams, 1-lb. tins
3 ditto green French beans, 2-lb. tins
7 ditto ditto American ditto, ditto
3 ditto corn flour, in tins
40 bags caraway seed
70 boxes blue, each 28 lbs.
60 bags fresh new walnuts
9 cases finest York hams
7 ditto ditto sultana raisins
10 tons soda crystals, in small casks
10 ditto whiting, ditto
15 kegs carbonate soda
25 cases best West India arrowroot
10 cases Hill and Ledger's half-pint ketchup
15 ditto English cheese
10 ditto Volckman's assorted candied peel
50 boxes stearine candles
4 casks salt, in baskets
60 boxes Normandy pippins
50 half-barrels prime mess pork
30 barrels Scotch oatmeal
25 barrels split peas
10 cases Robinson's patent groats
37 casks white wine vinegar
10 cases preserved milk, in bottles
50 tins Russian gelatine
15 bales sodawater corks
10 ditto gingerbeer ditto
5 cases seidlitz powders
30 ditto Gunter's fruits
14 ditto ditto jams and jellies, 1 and 2 lbs., &c., &c.

Terms at sale.

Pickles
Salad Oil
Bareaca Juice.

THIS DAY.

LE. THRELKELD and CO. will sell by auction, at the City Mart, THIS DAY, at 11,

50 cases Whybrow's pint pickles, new brand
20 ditto ditto pint salad oil
3 ditto Bareaca juice.

Terms at sale.

Huntley and Palmer's Biscuits.

Assorted in Cases.
Suitable for the approaching Holidays.

THIS DAY.

LE. THRELKELD and CO. will sell by auction, at the City Mart, THIS DAY, at 11,

15 cases Huntley and Palmer's celebrated biscuits, in small, middle, and large tins.

Terms at sale.

Patna Rice.

To Grocers, Storekeepers, Shippers, and others.
THIS DAY.

In lots to suit purchasers.

LE. THRELKELD and CO. have been instructed to sell by auction, at the City Mart, THIS DAY, at 11,

CWSRB,
450 bags patna rice, each 1 cwt.

Terms at sale.

Choice Mauritius Sugars.

The entire cargo of the Palladium, just arrived from Mauritius.

For Positive Sale,
At the City Mart, 362, George-street, on MONDAY next, the 23rd December, at 11 o'clock.

Important to Grocers, Storekeepers, Country Buyers, Shippers, Speculators, and the Trade generally.

6596 bags choice Light Counter, Royal Snowdrop, Crystals, Bright Yellow Counter, and superior Ration Sugars.

☞ The especial attention of buyers is particularly directed to the above shipment of very choice sugars, being one of the finest assortments that has been offered for public sale in this market for many months past.

LE. THRELKELD and CO. have received instructions from Messrs. Vial, D'Arazu, to submit for unreserved sale at auction, at the City Mart, 362, George-street, on MONDAY next, the 23rd instant, at 11 o'clock,

The entire cargo of choice Maurigius sugars, just arrived, ex French ship Palladium, comprising

A—1071 bags Rivie Noire rich grainy yellow counter sugars
B— 667 ditto Riche Mare fine white counter sugar
D— 800 ditto St. Julien bright rich golden counter ditto
E— 600 ditto Mont Choicy

SALES BY AUCTION.

Weekly Produce Sale.

Wool, Tallow, Sheepskins, Hides, &c.

MORT and CO. will sell by public auction, at their Produce Stores, Circular Quay, THIS DAY, 19th December, at 11 o'clock precisely.
759 Bales wool
34 Casks tallow
2117 Sheepskins
881 Hides, &c.
Terms, cash.

TOOLOOM STATION,
WITH 4000 CATTLE,
situate on Pinnacle Creek, one of the heads of the Clarence River, in the Clarence district, and distant about
45 MILES FROM WARWICK
100 MILES FROM IPSWICH, and
100 MILES FROM GRAFTON.

TERMS One third cash; the remainder by approved bills at 12 and 24 months, from day of sale, with bank discount, and secured on the stock and station.

MORT and CO. have been instructed to sell by public auction, at their Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11 o'clock, on TUESDAY, 7th January, 1862,
That very choice cattle property,
THE TOOLOOM STATION,
situate on Pinnacle Creek, in the Clarence district.
☞ Full particulars of this property are published in the Saturday's issue of this paper.

Preliminary Notice.

MOST IMPORTANT SALE of PASTORAL PROPERTIES in NEW SOUTH WALES and QUEENSLAND. Also
274 SYDNEY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY'S SHARES, and
143 HUNTER RIVER NEW STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S SHARES.

MORT and CO. have received instructions from E. FLOOD, Esq., previous to his departure for England, to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11 o'clock, on TUESDAY, 11th February, 1862,
His very valuable stations and stock, comprising
Those in the DISTRICT OF BLIGH, with 14,000 SHEEP, and 1500 HEAD OF CATTLE, horses, &c.; and
Those in the MARANOA DISTRICT, with 20,000 SHEEP.
Full particulars of which will appear at an early date.
Also
The following valuable stock:—
274 SYDNEY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY'S SHARES
143 HUNTER RIVER NEW STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S SHARES,
In lots to suit purchasers.

MARANOA DISTRICT, QUEENSLAND.
VICTORIA DOWNS.

That magnificent Pastoral Property,
THE TALAVERA RUNS,
Together with
20,000 HEAD OF CATTLE, MORE OR LESS.
TERMS.—One-fourth cash deposit; residue liberal credit.

MORT and CO. have been instructed to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, 11 o'clock, on TUESDAY, 7th January, 1862,
That first-class pastoral property,
THE TALAVERA RUNS,
with 20,000 HEAD OF CATTLE, more or less, a choice well-bred herd, of which it is estimated there are at least 4000 HEAD OF CATTLE ready for immediate removal.
*** About twenty-nine stock horses, dray, team, and stores for nearly a year's supply, all given in.
☞ Full particulars of this property are published in the Saturday's issue of this paper.

TO CLOSE A PARTNERSHIP ACCOUNT.
DARLING DOWNS, QUEENSLAND.
That very valuable pastoral property, known as
WERANGA,
Comprising ten large blocks of country, situate on the Moonie and Weir Rivers; and with which will be sold about
42,000 SHEEP,
WARRANTED SOUND, AND NEVER DISEASED.
TERMS—One fourth cash; residue by approved bills, at one, two, and three years, with bank discount added, and secured upon the stock and stations.

MORT and CO. have been instructed to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11 o'clock, on TUESDAY, 7th January, 1862,
That first-class sheep property, WERANGA, with
42,000 (more or less) SHEEP.
*** About 50 horses, a few head of cattle, drays, teams, stores, supplies, &c., to be taken at a valuation.
☞ Full particulars of this property appear in the Saturday's issue of the HERALD.

QUEENSLAND, LEICHHARDT DISTRICT.

THAT MAGNIFICENT STATION
RIO.
Comprising Seven blocks of country, together with about
16,000 SHEEP.
Terms at Sale.

MORT and CO. have received instructions from PETER M'INTOSH, Esq., to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11 o'clock, on TUESDAY, 11th February, 1862,
That very beautiful station
RIO,
comprising seven blocks of country, viz.,
RIO — OLINDA
BAHIA — MONTE VIDEO
BAHIA BACK — OLINDA BACK
and CHIOS,
With the Rio Runs will be sold about
16,000 more or less SHEEP.
WARRANTED NEVER DISEASED.
☞ Full particulars of this property appeared in the Saturday's issue of this paper.

Weekly Produce Sale.

Wool, Tallow, Hides, Sheepskins, Empty Casks.

O. B. EBSWORTH will sell by public auction, at his Produce Stores, Circular Quay, THIS DAY, Thursday, 19th December, at half-past 10 precisely,
178 bales wool
24 casks tallow
Lot sheepskins
Hides
Empty casks, &c.
Terms, cash.
☞ On THURSDAY, the 19th instant, at 1 o'clock precisely.

No. 235, Victoria-street, Woolloomooloo, the Residence of John Alexander, Esq.
For Unreserved Sale.

A Good Second-hand Carriage, for One or Two Horses, in first-rate order
A Set of Nearly New Double Harness, Imported to order and made of good seasoned leather, very neat and beautifully mounted
A Set of Double Harness
A Side-saddle, Quilted, nearly new. Also,
A Splendid Child's Pony, very quiet and very small, with a New Pilcher, for Boy or Girl. Warranted.

MR. ROBERT MURIEL has received instructions to sell by public auction, as above, at the Residence of John Alexander, Esq., Victoria-street, Woolloomooloo, precisely at 1 o'clock.
Terms, cash, and no reserve.
☞ On FRIDAY, the 20th instant, at 11 o'clock.

Devonshire-street, Surry Hills,
Known as Pine Cottage, opposite the Royal Arms.

Preliminary Notice
Of a Sale of Household Furniture.
Splendid Pianoforte by Broadwood, &c. Also,
A Cooking Stove, by Garton and Jarvis
And a variety of Household Requisites.

MR. ROBERT MURIEL has received instructions from Mr. M'Donald, to sell by public auction, at his Residence, Pine Cottage, after his departure by the Wave of Life, on FRIDAY next, the 20th,
The whole of his household furniture and effects.
Terms, cash.

Preliminary Notice.

Richmond Terrace, Domain.

A sale, by Public Auction, of very Elegant and Costly Household Furniture
Brilliant-toned Pianoforte
Valuable Oil Paintings, Engravings
Ornaments, articles of Vertu, &c.,&c.
N.B.—Detailed particulars in future advertisements. Notice will then be given, when cards and catalogues are ready for delivery.

MR. ROBERT MURIEL has been favoured with instructions from T. B. Hall, Esq., Richmond-terrace, Domain, who is about leaving the colony, to sell by public auction, at his residence, on an early day, of which due notice will be given,
The whole of his truly valuable and costly furniture and effects.
Terms at sale.

☞ At No. 235, Victoria-street, Woolloomooloo.
On THURSDAY, the 19th instant, at 11 o'clock precisely.

Elegant and Substantial Household Furniture
Pianoforte
Valuable Oil Paintings
Ornaments, Magic Lantern, with Dissolving Views
Richly Cut Glass, China
Patent Mangle
And a variety of useful Household Requisites, &c.

MR. ROBERT MURIEL has been favoured with instructions from John Alexander, Esq., to sell by public auction, at his residence, No. 235, Victoria-street Woolloomooloo, THIS DAY, the 19th instant, at 11 o'clock precisely,
The whole of this gentleman's superior household furniture and effects, comprising,
HALL FURNITURE, namely,
Marble slab table
Hat and umbrella stand
Chairs, lamp, oilcloth, mats, &c.
DINING-ROOM FURNITURE will be found to comprise
Large size telescope table, 4 spare leaves and stand
Sideboard, dumb waiter
Side table, hair-seated chairs
Sofa, easy chairs, &c.
DRAWING-ROOM FURNITURE
Comprises every thing possible useful and substantial, together with a very valuable assortment of ornaments, occasional chairs, &c.; also,
A very valuable collection of oil paintings
Magic lantern, with dissolving views
Bagatelle board, chess tables, &c., and
The furniture of 5 bedrooms, consisting of
State iron tubular and brass bedsteads
Single and double winged wardrobes
Chests of drawers, washstands, and furniture
Chairs, baths, sponge, slipper, and foot, &c., together with a quantity of cut glass, China, electro-plated ware, cutlery, patent mangle, and many useful household requisites.
N.B.—Catalogues are now in course of preparation, and will be delivered gratis with cards to view, on Wednesday morning.
Terms, cash.

Treasury Auction Rooms.

THIS DAY (Thursday), 19th December.

☞ Notice to Booksellers, Librarians, Private Buyers, and others.

CHATTO and HUGHES remind the above of their sales THIS DAY, at half-past 10 o'clock, comprising
13,000 volumes of elegantly bound and illustrated books,
Just landed, ex Isles of the South.
☞ A great many are new editions, and are suitable for the library or Christmas presents, and will be found a rare opportunity for all parties requiring first-class works, and are to be sold without any reserve.

Treasury Auction Rooms.

THIS DAY, Thursday, 19th December.

To Connoisseurs.
To Collectors and others.

☞ Rare and Elegantly-bound and Illustrated Works.

CHATTO and HUGHES have received instructions from the importers to sell by auction, at the Treasury Auction Rooms, THIS DAY, Thursday, 19th December, at half-past 10 o'clock precisely,
A collection of rare and beautifully-bound works, by the first artists of the day, comprising
Pugni's Ancient Architecture
Hogarth's works, from original plates
Gilbray's ditto ditto
Beauties of Claude
Turner's English River Scenery
Constable's Graphic Works of English Landscape scenery
Harris' wild animals of Southern Africa, drawn on stone, by Howard
Wild's Foreign Cathedrals
Low's Domestic Animals of the British Islands, coloured plates
Nelson's Atlas of the World
Family Bibles, bound morocco, &c., &c.
Terms at sale.

Treasury Auction Rooms.
THURSDAY, 19th December.

13,000 vols. Books,
Just landed, ex isles of the South.
To Booksellers
To Librarians
To Private Buyers.

20 Cases New Books,
Comprising 13,000 vols. of Elegantly-bound and Illustrated Books, by the following publishers:—
Henry G. Bohn, Longman and Co., John Murray, Bentley, Marston, Low, and Co., Hogg and Son, Adam and C. Black, Wood and Lennet, and others.

CHATTO and HUGHES have been instructed by the importers to sell by auction, at the Treasury Auction Rooms, THIS DAY, 19th December, at half-past 10 o'clock,
20 cases, containing upwards of 13,000 vols. of first-class books, handsomely and usefully bound, and illustrated by the first artists of the day.
The following are the names of some of the authors:—Macaulay, Dickens, Thackeray, Guizot, Brougham, Alison, Pepe, Gilfray, Edgeworth, Hogarth, Swift, Stowe, Crowe, Hall, Lamartine, Fielding, Smollet, Hook, Dumas, Disraeli, James, Albert Smith, Lever, Irving, Longfellow, Maxwell, Carlyle, Pugin, Trollope, Gregory, Goldsmith, Sand, Currer and Acton Bell, Byron, Shelley, Ramsay, &c., comprising works in every department of literature.
☞ The auctioneers would call the attention of all book buyers and traders to this very large sale of new books. A great many of them are new editions, and in all variety of bindings, suitable either for the library or Christmas presents, and will be found a rare opportunity for all parties requiring first-class works; and they are instructed to sell the shipment on Thursday, the 19th, without any reserve. Those interested can inspect the books the day before the sale.
Terms at sale.

Bay Mare
Arab Pony
Trotting Gig and Silver Mounted Harness
Breeding Sow and Pigs
Game Fowls.

ANDREW ALLAN has received instructions from Mr. Baker to sell by auction, at his residence, Glebe Island, on TUESDAY, 24th instant, at 11 o'clock,
A bay mare, fit for saddle or harness
Trotting gig and silver mounted harness, nearly new
Handsome Arab pony, a perfect town hack
Breeding sow and pigs by imported boar
30 pair game fowls
Geese, ducks, &c. Also,
The household furniture comprising, large dining table, chairs, sofas, meat safe, coffee can, bar fittings, kegs, shelving, glasses, crockeryware, American cooking stove complete, large public-house lamp, and lot of sundries.
Terms, cash.

No. 61-70. Town Clerk's Office,
Sydney, 7th December, 1861.
SALE OF LEASE OF CORPORATION PROPERTIES FOR 1862.—Mr. ANDREW ALLAN has been instructed to sell by public auction, at the George-street Markets, on MONDAY, the 23rd instant, at 12 o'clock noon, the Tolls and Dues arising from the undermentioned Corporation Properties for the year 1862, viz.:—
GEORGE-STREET MARKETS, exclusive of Shop and Stall Rents and Packing Dues.
HAY, CORN, and CATTLE MARKET.
WATER FOUNTAIN, at Circular Quay.
WATER FOUNTAIN, South Head Road.
LAND adjacent to Market Wharf.
Conditions of sale, and every information connected with these properties, may be obtained at this office, or from the City Auctioneer, 172, Pitt-street.
CHAS. H. WOOLCOTT, Town Clerk.

Berlin Wool, various shades
Berlin Wool Patterns
Ditto ditto Frames
Penelope Canvas
Crochet Books
Beads
China Silk Sashes
Ditto Crape ditto
Fans
Work Baskets
Pith Hats

To Fancy Dealers and the Trade.

On FRIDAY, 20th, at 11 o'clock.

MESSRS. CHAS. MOORE and CO. have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Rooms, Pitt-street, on the above day,
5 cases fancy goods, as above.
Terms, liberal, at sale.

Ostrich Plumes.

To Undertakers, Upholsterers, &c., &c.

On FRIDAY, the 20th, at 11 o'clock.

MESSRS. CHAS. MOORE and CO. have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Rooms, Pitt-street,
On the above day,
1 set ostrich head plumes.
Terms, cash.

New and Seasonable Drapery, Fancy and Manchester Goods, Slops, &c.
Now Landing ex Duncan Dunbar, Star of Peace, and Saxon.

THIS DAY, 19th,
FRIDAY, 20th,
at 11 o'clock each day.

MESSRS. CHAS. MOORE and CO. have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Rooms, Pitt-street, on the above days,
A seasonable consignment of the above fresh goods.
Drab and millers' moles
Prints
Stays
Grey domestics
White shirtings
Cotton ticks
Gents' tweed suits
Ditto silk sacs
Ditto corah ditto
Cream and white ditto
White drill trousers
Brown ditto
Fancy tweed sacs
Ditto walking coats
Light fancy tweed trousers
Black doe trousers
Black cloth vests
Black satin ditto
Crimean shirts
Best fancy ditto
Gents' white shirts
B. and C. white ditto
Serge shirts
Merino shirts,
‡ Terms at sale.

CLARENCE TOWN.

WILLIAMS RIVER.
Two Choice Half-acre ALLOTMENTS, at the corner of Grey (the main street) and Duke streets, being allotments 11 and 12 of section 8.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH have received instructions to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on MONDAY, 23rd December, at 11 o'clock,
The above valuable allotments in CLARENCE TOWN, WILLIAMS RIVER.
☞ This block of land fronts the main road from the H. R. N. S. Navigation Wharf, a little above Mr. Johnston's extensive stores, and is one of very best positions in this flourishing town, at the head of the navigation of the Williams.
Plan on view at the Rooms.
Terms at sale.

On account and risk of the former purchaser, Mr. William Smith.

VALUABLE WATERSIDE ALLOTMENT.
JOHNSTON'S BAY BALMAIN,
containing upwards of a quarter of an acre, a few yards from Crook's Ferry.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH have received instructions to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on MONDAY, 23rd December,
All that parcel of land, being the western portion of allotment No. 7, of Mr. Young's property, purchased by Smith, containing 1 rood 11½ perches, more or less, bounded on the north by a line dividing it from part of allotment No. 10, and part of the south end of a lane 16 feet wide 7½ feet; on the west by a line southerly 164 feet to high water mark in Johnston's Bay; on the south by high water mark in the said bay; and on the east by a line 193 feet to the point of commencement.
☞ The above is a beautiful site with extensive frontage to the harbour, and close to the main road and ferries.
It will be positively sold on account and risk of the former purchaser.
Plan on view at the Rooms.
Terms at sale.

PADDINGTON.

Shop and Dwelling-house, South Head Road, at the corner of Wallis-street, known as Mr. Jackson's property.
For Positive Sale.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH have received instructions to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on MONDAY, 23rd December, at 11 o'clock,
All that allotment of land, having a frontage of upwards of 40 feet to the South Head Road, Paddington, immediately at the junction of Wallis-street, on which is erected a two-story brick-built house, containing shop and three rooms, with yard, well of water, shed, &c., at the rear. About 20 feet of the frontage is still vacant.
☞ This is a capital freehold, in a good position, fronting the main thoroughfare, and in the centre of a very large and still improving population. It will be positively sold on the above date.
Plan on view at the Rooms.

UNRESERVED SALE.

By order of the Executor of the late William Graham.

TOWN OF KIAMA.

VALUABLE HALF-ACRE BLOCK OF LAND, in SHOALHAVEN-STREET, close to the Boat Harbour and Wharf, nearly adjoining the Presbyterian Church grant, being lot 16 of section 14, as per Government plan.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH have received instructions to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on MONDAY, 23rd December, at 11 o'clock,
The above-described choice block of land, in the
TOWN OF KIAMA.
Containing half-an-acre, in the most valuable position in this important sea port.
Plan on view at the Rooms.
Terms at sale.

LACHLAN DISTRICT.

For Positive Sale.

The WATERMUNDARA STATION
Situated on the high road to the LAMBING FLAT DIGGINGS, about 9 miles from COWRA, and within 50 miles from the new important Gold-Fields on the Lachlan River—together with a comfortable Homestead and numerous and extensive improvements, and a small choice herd of
500 HEAD OF CATTLE, more or less.
Terms, liberal.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH have received instructions from JOHN ALLEN, Esq., (in consequence of his intended departure for England), to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on TUESDAY, the 24th December, at 11 o'clock,
That compact pastoral property
WATERMUNDARA,
comprising an area of about 23,040 acres of richly grassed land abounding with fattening herbs, suitable for either sheep or cattle, and estimated to be capable of carrying about 16,000 sheep. It is well watered on both sides of the run from never failing creeks and lagoons.
The improvements are substantial and in first-rate order. They comprise COMFORTABLE HOMESTEAD and kitchen, good garden, and two capital wells; four men's huts, stabling, sheds, &c.; new stock and drafting yards capable of working 3000 cattle, with slaughter-yards, piggeries, &c.
The fattening paddock encloses about 3000 acres, secured by a three-rail fence, and the home paddock about 25 acres, nearly all under cultivation with wheat and oats.
With the above station will be sold
500 HEAD of CATTLE, more or less.
A mixed herd, including about 80 well bred milch cows, and a large proportion of bullocks, 3 to 6 years old.
Stores, horses, &c., to be taken at a valuation, in the usual way.
Watermundara is a compact accessible station, with but a small quantity of stock, and ample room in addition for a large number of sheep, for which its pasturage is admirably adapted. It is surrounded by markets for its produce, and can be highly recommended, as a profitable pastoral investment, which is now only brought into the market for bona fide sale for the reason stated above, and intending purchasers are invited to inspect it prior to the above date.

TO-MORROW, 20th December.

Bales Wool
Sheepskins
Tallow.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH will sell by public auction, at their Produce Stores, Circular Quay, on FRIDAY, the 20th December, at half-past 10 o'clock prompt,
Australian produce, viz.:—
Bales wool
Sheepskins
Tallow.
Terms, cash.

SYBIL COTTAGE,
NEWTOWN.

A comfortable VILLA RESIDENCE, with Grounds, situated on an elevated portion of the Marsdenville Estate, a few minutes walk from the Newtown Railway Station.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH have received instructions from Lieutenant Sadleir, R.N., to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on MONDAY, 23rd December, at 11 o'clock,
All that piece of land having a frontage of 124 feet to HARRINGTON-STREET, MARSDENVILLE, with a depth of 224 feet, extending to Liverpool-street, to which it has also a frontage of 124 feet, on which is erected a remarkably neat residence, known as SYBIL COTTAGE, built of brick on stone foundations, with slated roof, containing entrance hall, verandahs back and front, 6 rooms, kitchen, pantry, &c., with yard, 2 wells of water, shed, and a large block of garden ground at the rear.
☞ Sybil Cottage is a well-known recently-erected suburban residence, lately occupied by Captain Corkhill. It was built by the present proprietor in a substantial manner for his own occupation, and no expense spared in furnishing and fitting it with every family convenience.
The position is laid out the best in Newtown, close to the railway station and omnibus stand, and, being very elevated, commands a fine panoramic view of the surrounding country, extending on one side to Botany Bay and the ocean.
The area of the ground surrounding the cottage is sufficient for garden purposes and a small paddock.
Plan on view at the Rooms.
Terms, liberal.

NEWTOWN RAILWAY STATION.

THE ISLINGTON ESTATE,
Comprising about 8 ACRES, a few yards from the Newtown Road, in the immediate vicinity of the RAILWAY STATION, CAMDEN VILLA, the residence of THOMAS HOLT, Esq., M.L.A., HOLMWOOD, the residence of JAMES DICKSON, Esq., M.L.A., and other first-class properties.
The Estate has been judiciously subdivided into EIGHT VILLA SITES, containing about one acre each, but will be sold in lots to enable the purchaser to secure a larger area if desired.
The position is unequalled in this rapidly improving and beautiful suburb, being elevated and gently sloping with a north-eastern aspect, commanding extensive panoramic views of the surrounding country, with Botany Bay and the ocean in the distance. The land is cleared, with the exception of a few richly foliaged trees, giving a fine park-like appearance to the whole property.
Islington is brought into the market, arranged so as to satisfy the demand for extended sites in this suburb, which will allow the purchaser sufficient area for ornamental grounds and paddocks, which are now considered actual requisites for a suburban site, and which by this subdivision, can be gratified to an extent of from one to four acres.
All former subdivisions in this locality have been into building allotments, which have found purchasers at from £3 to £7 per foot; but the proprietor of this estate being desirous of bringing it forward in a more acceptable manner, has been induced to sacrifice pecuniary considerations, to meet a rapidly increasing demand, and to grant better facilities to purchasers for securing a delightful, elevated, and healthy site, most favourably situated in the heart of the suburb, sufficiently distant from the main road to escape the dust arising from the traffic, with constant access to the city by train or omnibus, and enjoying every advantage the most fastidious could desire.
Newtown is daily receiving accession to its population; and, being now simply a continuation of the city, must continue to flourish and advance in importance; and there cannot be a doubt that the completion of the tramway from the Sydney terminus, landing passengers by rail in the centre of Sydney, will assist much in developing the enquiry for land at or near this station. The proposed tramway to Botany, via Newtown, will also greatly improve the neighbourhood, and give a great impetus to its growing prosperity.
TITLE, unquestionable. For full particulars apply to Messrs. Allen and Bowden, solicitors, Elizabeth-street.
TERMS, liberal.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH have received instructions to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on MONDAY, 13th January, at 11 o'clock,
The whole of the ISLINGTON ESTATE, NEWTOWN, comprising about 8 acres, subdivided into lots, to suit the convenience of purchasers.
Plan on view at the Rooms.

Boots and Shoes

THIS DAY, Thursday, December 19th.

To Boot and Shoemakers, Country Buyers, and Others.

MR. CHARLES TEAKLE will sell by auction, at his Rooms, Wynyard-street, THIS DAY, Thursday, November 19th, at 11 o'clock, without the least reserve,
60 trunks seasonable boots and shoes, from
Davies and Son
Homan
Hyde and Co.
Comprising a varied assortment of men's, women's, and children's goods, all suitable for the season, just landed ex Star of Peace.
No detailed advertisement will be published.
Terms at sale.

Preliminary.

Positive, Unreserved Clearing-out Sale of Drapery, Ribbons, Trimmings, &c.
To close various Consignments previous to the close of the year.
On the Premises, York-street, facing Wynyard-square.

TUESDAY, December 24.

To Warehousemen, Drapers, Milliners, Storekeepers, and others.

MR. CHARLES TEAKLE has been favoured with instructions from Messrs. Cook and Co. to sell by auction, at their Stores, York-street, on TUESDAY, December 24, at 11 o'clock,
The unsold portion of their consignments, comprising about 65 packages of general drapery, ribbons, parasols, trimmings, millinery, flowers, &c.
Without the slightest reserve.
Particulars in future advertisement.
Terms, liberal, at sale.

CROWN LANDS SALE,
At the Warehouse of Messrs. W. Dean and Co., Pitt and O'Connell streets, Sydney.

Allotments at
The CIRCULAR QUAY,
Opposite the Custom-house.
WYNYARD-SQUARE
(Clarence-street), and
CHURCH-HILL.

Day of Sale, THURSDAY, 19th instant.

MESSRS. W. DEAN and CO. have received instructions from the Colonial Government to sell by auction, at their Warehouse, Pitt and O'Connell streets, THIS DAY, 19th December, at 11 o'clock,
The following valuable allotments:—
TOWN LOTS.—County of Cumberland, parish of St. James (Castlereagh-street): 5 lots A to E (21 feet to 27 feet 6 inches frontage each, 5½ to 7½ perches), City of Sydney, between Castlereagh and Arbitration streets, at Circular Quay, opposite the west side of the Custom-house, and adjacent to the Paragon Hotel, allotments 2 to 6 of section 102. Price £20 per foot.—Parish of St. Philip (Clarence-street, between Erskine and Margaret streets): 5 lots F to J (20 feet frontage each, 4½ perches), Wynyard-square, having frontage to Clarence-street, between Johnson's 5½ perches and Dangar's 4½ perches, allotments 17 to 21 of section 2. Price £10 per foot. (Kent-street), 3 lots K to M (34 feet to 34 feet 3 inches frontage, 5, 5½, and 6 perches), at the corner of Kent-street and Clarence-lane, Church-hill, allotments 22 to 24 of section 2. Price £5 per foot. See GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, No. 256.
The above allotments being so centrally situated, in some of the best commercial positions in the city, are consequently so well known as to render comment unnecessary. The auctioneers would respectfully urge upon merchants and the public generally the importance of now purchasing as with few exceptions all good city allotments are occupied.
Lithographic plans on view at the Rooms of the Auctioneers.
Terms at sale.

Weekly Produce Sale.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Wool, Tallow, Hides, &c.

MESSRS. W. DEAN and CO. will sell by auction, at their Produce Stores, Circular Quay, THIS DAY, the 19th December, at half-past 2 o'clock,
Bales wool
Tallow
Hides.
Terms at sale.

On account of whom it may concern.
Damaged Candles,
Ex Daphne, Spencer, master, from London.

MESSRS. W. DEAN and CO. will sell by auction, at their Warehouse, Pitt and O'Connell streets, on FRIDAY, 20th December, at 11 o'clock,
On account of whom it may concern, ex Daphne,
B&S,
33 boxes Price's No. 1 Belmont candles, much damaged
25 ditto ditto ditto ditto, slightly damaged.
Terms, cash.

Groceries, Oilmen's Stores
Teas, Sugar, Provisions, &c.

FRIDAY, 20th December.

To Grocers, Provision Dealers, Merchants, Shippers, and others.

MESSRS. W. DEAN and CO. will sell by auction, at their Warehouse, Pitt and O'Connell streets, on FRIDAY, 20th December, at 11 o'clock,
Invoices of oilmen's stores, teas, sugars, groceries, &c.
Terms at sale.

The Cargo of the Julie, from Batavia.
Java Coffee and Sugars.

Comprising
Finest White and Gold Complexion Crystal Sugars and Best Hand-picked Coffee.

Day of Sale, FRIDAY, 20th December.

Most Important to Merchants, Grocers, Shippers, Storekeepers, and others.

MESSRS. W. DEAN and CO. have been favoured with instructions from the importers, Messrs. Frost, Kohler, and Co., to sell by auction, at their Warehouse, Pitt and O'Connell streets, on FRIDAY, 20th December, at half-past 11 o'clock precisely,
The cargo of superior Java sugars and coffee, just arrived ex Julie, viz.,
NHM conjoined,
4497 bags white sparkling crystals, equal to finest cossipore or snowdrops.
NHM conjoined over M,
3000 bags very fine large grain gold complexion crystals.
NHM conjoined,
1226 bags coffee, fine even blue hand-picked berry, equal to the finest samples of Ceylon plantation.
The above cargo requires no comment, it will suffice to say that it is the finest importation ever received from Java; the samples will speak for themselves. Particular attention is requested to the packages, which, being small and strong, are peculiarly adapted to the country and family trade.
Samples on view at the Rooms of the auctioneers.
Terms at sale.

Pickles
1 lb. Salmon
Bleached Ginger.

FOTHERINGHAM and MULLEN have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Rooms, 309, George-street, THIS DAY, Thursday, the 19th instant, at 11 o'clock prompt,
30 cases Whybrow's quart pickles
6 ditto Moir's 1 lb. salmon
10 ditto bleached ginger.
Terms at sale.

Rock Salt.
On account of whom it may concern,
Ex Impulse, from Liverpool.

FOTHERINGHAM and MULLEN have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Rooms, 309, George-street, THIS DAY, the 19th instant, at 11 o'clock prompt,
30 bags rock salt.
Terms, cash.

Fine Congou Teas.
71 Chests
Ex Melbourne.
For Positive Sale by Auction, at the Rooms, 309, George-street,
THURSDAY, the 19th instant.
To close a joint account.
To Grocers
To Storekeepers
To Country Buyers and others.

FOTHERINGHAM and MULLEN have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Rooms, 309, George-street, THIS DAY, the 19th instant, at 11 o'clock prompt,
Ex Melbourne,
No. 3— 2 chests finest congou, 90 lbs.
4—17 ditto ditto ditto, 90 lbs.
5—17 ditto ditto ditto, 90 lbs.
6—13 ditto ditto ditto, 90 lbs.
6—22 ditto ditto ditto, 90 lbs.
Terms at sale.
The auctioneers would beg to direct the especial attention of the trade, &c., to the fact that the above teas are for positive sale without reserve. Samples can be seen at the rooms.

To Grocers, Storekeepers, Country Buyers, Shippers, and others.
Vinegar, in Bulk
Oilmen's Stores
Arrowroot
Butter
Hams
Starch
Oatmeal, &c., &c.

FOTHERINGHAM and MULLEN will sell by auction, at their Rooms, 309, George-street, THIS DAY, the 19th instant, at 11 o'clock prompt,
75 cases Whybrow's pint pickles
50 ditto Thin's bottled fruits
25 quarter-casks Pott's No. 24 vinegar, each 25 gallons
25 cases prime York hams
15 barrels oatmeal
10 cases best West India arrowroot
5 casks Valentia almonds
10 cases Whybrow's half-pint capers
8 ditto olives
50 ditto Colman's starch, each 56 lbs.
25 firkins Cork rose butter
10 cases patent groats, &c., &c.
Terms at sale.

York Hams.
25 Cases.
Just landed.
For Auction Sale, at the Rooms, 309, George-street.

THURSDAY, the 19th instant.

FOTHERINGHAM and MULLEN have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Rooms, 309, George-street, THIS DAY, the 19th instant, at 11 o'clock prompt,
25 cases prime York hams.
Terms at sale.

Marble Chimney Pieces.
From the Celebrated Works of Ingram and Clark, Liverpool.
To Marble Masons
To Architects
To Builders and others.

Day of Sale, FRIDAY next, the 20th instant.

FOTHERINGHAM and MULLEN have received instructions from the importers to sell by auction, at their Stores, Wynyard-lane, immediately at the rear of the Auction Rooms, on FRIDAY next, the 20th instant, at 11 o'clock prompt,
C in diamond,
3 vein chimney pieces, No. 11
1 ditto ditto ditto, No. 10
2 ditto ditto ditto, No. 19
1 ditto ditto ditto, No. 19
1 Bardilla ditto ditto, No. 14
1 vein ditto ditto, No. 21
1 Kilkenny ditto ditto, No. 21
1 Bardilla ditto ditto, No. 21
2 vein ditto ditto, No. 4
1 Kilkenny ditto ditto, No. 4.
Terms at sale.
N.B.—Now on view.

To Drapers
To Warehousemen
To Storekeepers.

Continuation Sale, FRIDAY, December 20th.

ROSSITER and LAZARUS have been favoured with instructions from the importers to sell by auction, on the above day, at 11 o'clock precisely,
114 packages of new and seasonable goods, comprising
Ladies' steel skirts, 12 to 40 hoop
9-8 tape check jaconets
9-8 mauve muslins
Satin tape checks
33 and 36 inch medium shirtings
36 and 72 inch grey sheetings
Plain derries
Imitation saxony flannels
Ditto welsh ditto
Drab and black moreens
Ladies' cap fronts
Women's fine white hose
Girls' ditto ditto ditto
Children's fancy socks, 2 to 10
Men's brown cotton vests
Ditto merino vests
Saxony crimean shirts
Fancy regatta ditto
Printed Swiss ditto
Sinclair's fine white ditto
Soft French felt hats
Fine Panama ditto
Fine cabbagetree ditto
American leather cloths
Rich brocha ribbons
29 and 24d orientals
French wove white stays
4-4 Forfars
5-8 lawn handkerchiefs
7-8 ditto ditto
Imitation coraha
Turkey twills
Scotch lawns
Haberdashery, &c., &c.
Rich Twill Brussels Handkerchiefs
Ditto Twill Surats
Twisted and Matted Scarfs
Tom Thumb and Eglinton Ties
Printed Bordered Handkerchiefs
7-8 Fine Lawn Ditto
Imitation Corah Ditto.

Continuation Sale, FRIDAY, December 20.

ROSSITER and LAZARUS have been favoured with instructions to sell by auction, at their Rooms, on the above day, at 11 o'clock precisely,
5 cases of the above goods.
Just landed ex Annie Archbell.
☞ The Auctioneers would solicit the attention of wholesale houses and the trade in general to the above superb assortment of silk goods, being of the newest materials, and are for bona fide sale.
Terms, liberal.

West of England Doeskins
Military Tweeds
Fancy Angolas
Twisted Drills
Millers' and Drab Moleskins
Leamington Cords.
Continuation Sale.

FRIDAY, December 20th.

ROSSITER and LAZARUS will sell by auction, at their Rooms, on the above day, at 11 o'clock precisely,
Ten cases of new goods, being from the celebrated house of J. and T. Salter, of Frome.
Terms, liberal, at sale.

Preliminary Notice.

Important clearing-out Sale, at Newington, on the Parramatta River, on MONDAY, 30th instant, consisting of Dairy Cows, Working and other Horses, Bullocks, Household Furniture; Kitchen, Store, and Salting-house Utensils, and a great variety of miscellaneous articles, too numerous to particularise in an advertisement.

THOMAS DAWSON has received instructions from E. J. Blaxland, Esq. (who leaves Newington at the end of this year), to hold a clearance sale by public auction, as above, particulars of which will appear in a few days.

Christmas Holidays.
Weekly Stock and Produce Sale, Railway Terminus.

Prime Fat Calves
House-fed Lambs
A lot of country corn-fed Pigs
Choice Poultry, Bacon, Eggs
And a few very superior Cheeses.

THOMAS DAWSON will sell by auction, at the Railway Terminus, on FRIDAY, 20th instant, at 11 o'clock,
Consignments of the above stock and country produce in lots to suit purchasers,—expressly selected for the requirements of Christmas week.

Christmas Supplies.
Weekly Produce and Stock Sale.
At the New Yards, Sussex-street, midway between Erskine and Margaret streets.

On FRIDAY, 20th instant, at 10 o'clock precisely.

THOMAS DAWSON will sell as above.
Fat lambs, calves, pigs, &c.
A large quantity of poultry in lots to suit purchasers.
Terms, cash.

Bacon. Bacon. Bacon.

At the Lime-street Wharf, on THURSDAY, 19th instant, at 3 o'clock.

THOMAS DAWSON will sell by auction, as above, 1½ ton prime country fat bacon, in lots to suit purchasers.
Terms, cash.

Christmas Mutton.
Fat Wethers. Fat Wethers.

At the Homebush Sale Yards, on THURSDAY, 19th instant, at half-past 10 o'clock.

THOMAS DAWSON is instructed by N. C. Phillips, Esq., to sell by auction, as above, 900 splendid fat wethers, many of which are reputed to weigh 80 lbs.
Terms, cash.
To Butchers.

PITT and SULLIVAN have received instructions from Mr. Richard Smith, to sell by auction, THIS DAY, the 19th instant, at Mr. Fullagar's, at 12 o'clock,
208 head of prime fat cattle, in lots.
The attention of buyers is particularly directed to this sale; they are just the thing for summer, not too heavy, and as quiet as sheep.
Terms at sale.

Horses. Horses. Horses.

PITT and SULLIVAN have received instructions from Mr. John Moore to sell by auction, on SATURDAY next, the 21st instant, at Mr. James Dorset's Yards, Windsor, at 11 o'clock,
25 head of very superior draught colts and fillies, direct from the interior.
Terms at sale.
Buyers are particularly directed to this sale, for Mr. Moore has selected these horses himself, as best suited to the wants of the district.

Butchers. Butchers. Butchers, and others.

MR. W. FULLAGAR has received instructions from John Christie, Esq., to sell, at his Yards, Western Road, THIS DAY, the 19th instant, at 12 o'clock,
18 head of prime thoroughbred cattle.
The best ever seen in the Western Road Sale Yards.

Butchers. Butchers. Butchers.
Christmas Beef. Christmas Beef.

MR. W. FULLAGAR has received instructions from John Christie, Esq., to sell, at his

NEW ZEALAND.

By the Constance, we have Auckland papers to the 4th instant.

The *New Zealander* of that date thus remarks on the present state of matters in that colony:—The policy of the New Zealand Government has no longer a belligerent character, whilst the attitude of Government is firm, and its force not to be lightly encountered; the establishment and maintenance of peace, between the Maories and Europeans on the one hand, and between the different tribes of natives themselves on the other, is the work to which Sir George Grey and his Responsible advisers have applied themselves with earnestness; and it will in due time be accomplished, we hope, by the simple process of performing those duties towards the native people of which we have talked so much during the last four or five years, but which up to a recent period we have hardly made even the faintest attempt to discharge. The organisation which the natives themselves, in their own extremity, have rudely attempted, will yield everywhere to a better system, as soon as that system shall have been set on foot, and its advantages have been, by experience, made patent to the native people. Even such a form of government as they have set up for themselves is better than the state of anarchy which it was intended to cure, and which it has to a certain extent relieved, by uniting for a single purpose under a chief magistrate, tribes whose feuds have been hereditary, and who, for generations, have met only to do battle. Does it not indeed appear that, in this way, the difficulty which lay at the threshold of progress for the Maori—internecine strife, tribal hostility—has been removed, and that they have thus displayed their consciousness of the fact that there can be no peace where there are not laws for the government of the people, where officers are wanting to put those laws in force, and to afford protection to the weak against the strong, to the peaceful against the turbulent and unruly. Is it not a stride in advance to have learned thoroughly that first social lesson?

NIGHT ALARM.—*On the morning of the 29th ultimo*, says the same journal, a little before one o'clock, the whole city was roused from its slumbers by a sudden cannonade in the Waitemata, and after much conjecture as to what might be the possible cause of the demonstration it turned out that the crew of H.M.S. Fawn were only going through a little great gun practice.

NATIVE DEPUTATIONS.—The *Wanganui Chronicle* says:—Our native friends are sending off deputations. A party of three went two days ago to Matutaera the king, in order to ascertain his position and intentions, and what is to be done with the new governor. They are deputed by the Wanganui River natives, and we believe a deputation, consisting among others of Wi Tako, Heremia, &c., well known Otaki natives, are about to proceed to the same place for the same purpose for the enlightenment of the Ngatiraukawa and other tribes south of Rangitiki.

ROBBERIES BY NATIVES.—A correspondent of the *Southern Cross*, writing on the 25th ultimo from Waipa, states—"There are few settlers here, including the missionaries, who have not been robbed more or less by the natives, since the war began. On Saturday morning, the 16th, Mr. Samuel Morgan's canoe was robbed, near Whatawhata, on the Waipa river. On this occasion a box of mine was broken open, and about 20s. value taken therefrom. Other persons who had goods in the canoe suffered more severely. This is the third time that I have been robbed. I will send you more detailed particulars of these felonious acts by the natives on a future occasion; meantime I cannot help contrasting the treatment the offenders receive here with the mode of dealing with them at Fiji, where a chief received four dozen lashes for attempting to rob a European. If all the offending natives in this district were to be flogged, the executioner would have a busy time."

TARANAKI.

Writing on the 29th ultimo from Taranaki, the special correspondent of the *Southern Cross* says:—

Bishop Selwyn arrived here on the 8th instant, and on the Monday following he left, as was generally understood, for Wanganui, by the overland route through Taranaki and Ngatiruanui.

He had not left many days when we heard, through natives, that his further progress was stopped at Mutoti, in Taranaki, by Hori Kingi, a Taranaki chief; further that his horse and pikau were taken from him; that he was insulted by Hori Kingi—how, is variously stated—that he was imprisoned for two days in a whare, in which it was anything but a compliment to be placed, escaped in the night, and, as might be expected of the bishop, on his purpose still intent, reached the settlement of a chief who has been endeavouring to make terms for himself, and was there well received and forwarded on his journey. Beyond this we know no more; we cannot hear that the Taranaki and Ngatiruanui are at all anxious for peace, to waive their claim to the Tataraimaka block by right of conquest, to give up the horses, cattle, and plunder they have got, to make any restitution whatever, or to give up the murderers. The Bishop says there is no reason why the settlers should not return to their desolated homesteads, but he does not, and cannot, give them any reason why they should endeavour to restore what may again be swept away by marauding neighbours who have no check on helping themselves when they please. The impression that percolates through natives from Taranaki is that the Taranaki natives express a distrust of a minister of religion coming on his own hook to seek information on a question of peace or war; is seems to them that his position is made use of to act as a spy in their camp, where he has no business to be, until the question is settled between them and the Governor. Our impression is that his visit has had a prejudicial effect, as showing weakness.

PENRITH STATION-HOUSE.

To the Editor of the Herald.

SIR,—As your valuable columns are open for general information, perhaps you will allow me a small space to make public a matter of great interest, not merely to Penrith, but to all the Western districts.

On perusing the *Herald* of the 10th instant, I perceive there is £30,000 (thirty thousand pounds) voted for the extension of the Penrith railway line to the Nepean River, from the present cutting at the east end of Penrith, about one and a quarter mile, where we are given to understand the station-house is to be built. In the first place, I should like to know how or where they are going to build it—on the bank of the Nepean, above high water mark. About two years ago, when the Nepean Bridge was swept away, the whole of Emu Plains, and for miles around, including the western end of Penrith, were all one sheet of water, boats sailing all about to take people out of their houses or they must have perished; some were taken from their housetops, others out of their windows two-storey high, some were taken to the Penrith Court-house, others to the Castlereagh church, and other high places, till the flood abated; scarcely a bit of fence on Emu Plains (the highest part) could be seen, and in many places on Emu Plains houses in the low parts were nearly covered.

It would be most absurd to think of building a station-house on the banks of the Nepean River, or within a mile of it; to attempt it would be perfectly ridiculous, and would be a perfect waste of the public money.

Mr. J. T. Ryan, member for the Nepean, could tell you all about the floods at the Nepean quite as well as myself, but will he? Not a bit of it: that would not suit his purpose.

Moreover, supposing a station house could be built with safety at the Nepean, it would ruin Penrith and all trades people, &c., as all traffic would cease to come into the town, and the people in the town would have to travel about a mile further from Sydney when they want to go to Sydney.

I think the Government is very much to blame by not proclaiming where the station house is to be at once, and not keep us in suspense any longer, as it is retarding business and buildings, and a great drawback to the public at large in this district. I must further state, that only two or three months ago there were many small building allotments sold by auction by Price and Stewart, the property of Captain M'Henry. Many bought under the impression that the railway would not interfere with them, having the faith that the Government would have the station house where it was first pointed out—that is within one or two hundred yards of the end of the present cutting, and on a level—the very best spot that can be got, and out of all danger of floods; besides, it will be a great saving of the public money not to go any further with the line at present, then the Penrith line could soon be opened, which I have no hesitation in saying will pay well, and also make many short lines pay, say a line from Blacktown to Windsor, &c.

In conclusion I must state, there will be a public meeting at the Commercial Hotel, Penrith, on Friday evening next, for the purpose of obtaining signatures to a petition to be laid before the Parliament, stating the injury, &c., it will be to the inhabitants of Penrith and its district, by having the station house (or terminus) where it is now proposed to be, and plan approved of.

Your most obedient,
G. F. NEALE, Penrith.

THE LATE VOLUNTEER COURT-MARTIAL.

To the Editor of the Herald.

SIR,—I intended to have nothing to say respecting the court-martial recently held, but as a very facetious and remarkably offensive individual, who cloaks his real name but signs himself "A Member of No. 5 Company," appears to put my conduct on a footing with private Compton's of the Launceston Rifles, I think, Sir, in justice to myself, as the one who was accused, you may insert the following statement of the affair, for the sake of enlightening my anonymous friend and also giving the public a true account of what really did take place.

Any one reading the article in your paper of Thursday, headed "Volunteer Court-Martial," would, I think, very naturally come to the conclusion that I had wantonly insulted Captain Still without any provocation whatever, and also that I must have been a person of very loose character to have so behaved at a funeral.

But, Sir, it was not until after the funeral was over, the Volunteers had all been dismissed in the cemetery, and a great many gone back to Sydney by the conveyances, that we received orders to fall in again along the Newtown Road; and at that time, when I was in conversation with one of the bandsmen, Captain Still (I suppose imagining such conversation was directed to him) said to me in a very excited and ungentlemanly manner, and in front of the surrounding spectators, that I was a very impertinent fellow, and laying a particular stress on the word "fellow."

It was not until our return to Sydney that I told Captain Still I should make the subject between us a matter for inquiry. Is there any insolence, as stated in the charge, in my making use of that remark, I wish to know? And then it was I told him he was no gentleman, and I still say so, for having addressed me in the manner he did at Newtown.

Mr. Member of No. 5 Company will thus see that I am not quite so bad as private Compton; that I did not call Captain Still a b——y liar, as Compton did; that I did not break from my ranks, and also that I did not throw my cap-pouch at Captain Still as Compton did at Major Wilmore. I presume Mr. Member of No. 5 is one of those very peculiar kind of individuals who, although ashamed of his name, must have a little to say to the *Herald*.

I am, Sir, with much respect,
R. PARTRIDGE, private No. 1 Company V. R.
December 17th.

To the Editor of the Herald.

SIR,—The paragraph which appeared in your issue of Saturday is substantially correct. I *did* receive an invitation both to preach and teach, and arrangements (in the event of my acceptance) were actually entered into, with regard to my personal accommodation, and the time in which I was to commence my labours.

I remain, yours truly,
W. F. REID.

THE ALL ENGLAND ELEVEN AND THE NEW SOUTH WALES CRICKETERS.

To the Editor of the Herald.

SIR,—The suggestion of your correspondent in this day's *Herald*, signed "Right," respecting our players meeting the all-England Eleven here first, instead of at Melbourne, if worthy of consideration originally, is more so late, as the New South Wales cricketers, are pledged, and cannot, without a gross breach of faith, depart from the present arrangement. I should not have troubled you on the subject of "Right's" letter, but for the few words or italics at the conclusion of it, viz.,—"Let us hope, for the credit of the colony, that our Eleven will decline to meet the All England Eleven for the first time on any other *than their own field*." Surely your correspondent knows nothing of cricket in these colonies, or he is, from pure malice, exulting in our prostrate position. When "Right" writes again, I would be glad if he would inform us where our own field is; if he means the Outer Domain, Sydney, he is mistaken—entirely mistaken—although a roomy ground of sixty yards square in that locality was a few years ago put under trust for cricketing purposes, which seems, however, to be practically set aside by the powers that be; the Legislative Assembly having declared the arrangement an interference with not only the abstract, but with the actual rights of the public, and therefore I take it ought to be considered a nuisance. The Executive, or the Minister who at present represents nobody, but under whose department this matter is taken charge of, has, I am informed, publicly stated that he does not recognise the trustees, as they have "neither soul to be saved, nor bodies to be kicked," and takes it upon himself, without consulting the trustees, to promise *forsooth!* Spiers and Pond, of Melbourne, for the proposed All-England Eleven Match—although that firm are nothing but speculators in the matter—the exclusive use of the Domain, even to the shutting the outer gates against the public, and without any conditions as to the charge of admission or otherwise. The trustees are thus treated without any enquiry or proof of failure in carrying out the intentions of the trust, pronounced in fact without the consideration always afforded to even felons, that is, of knowing what they are charged with—of meeting the accuser face to face, and of advancing anything in their self-defence. In fact there was some difficulty experienced by the cricketers to be allowed a voice in the great match, and if the arrangement had not been a question of money, they, as a body, would not have been consulted at all; and one or two nobodies would, to gratify their morbid desire of notoriety, have taken the management of this (in a cricketing point of view) most interesting match. As a trustee of the Domain ground, and some years connected with the cricket of this colony, I was inclined to use my influence to support a number of our cricketers in bringing the Intercolonial matches to a conclusion, as well as to decline the All-England Eleven Match; but on more mature reflection we agreed to assist in bringing the proposed matches off in the best way our circumstances would admit of, the principal reason influencing this course being the very liberal support the friends of cricket, and the public in general, have at all times afforded us, and the desire of our friends, so generally expressed, to see a display that may never occur again, at all events for some years, and to avoid the conclusion that we were in the sulks in consequence of not having our own way respecting the ground, and being repeatedly beaten by Victoria. "Right" seems to envy Victoria the *eclat* of the forthcoming tournay at cricket, but no New South Wales cricketer ought to agree with him. Melbourne is much a-head of us in this matter, say what we will to the contrary. Observe the speech of Spiers and Co.'s agent at the dinner to the Eleven in England, and copied into your paper of to-day, that there are forty Cricket Clubs in Victoria, each having a ground under their own control to play upon. Now suppose these Clubs to average fifty members each, that at once gives two thousand persons actively engaged in the game, or at least combining to support it. Then suppose ten acres of land, the average quantity used by each of those clubs, that will be four hundred acres, allowed by the Government for their present cricket, and every probability of a large annual increase. The consequence is that all principal centres of population in that colony are making arrangements to invite the Eleven to play with them. Even Queensland will go a-head of us, and solely by reason of our not being able in the whole extent of New South Wales to get, either public or private, one ground over which the cricketers of the colony can have any control. I agree with one of the speakers at the dinner in England, before referred to, that the All England Eleven will, on their return, be all gratuitous lecturers for Victoria. Notwithstanding we may make a decent show upon their arrival here, yet the fact cannot be concealed, we are far behind Victoria. We will surely be asked, independent of the general "blatherskite" about free selection and deferred payments. Where, and how many cricket grounds have you? Not one, must be our reluctant answer. Surely your principal country towns, Maitland, Goulburn, and Bathurst doing in cricket? Answer—Nothing; don't even contribute to the general expenses. Maitland affords one player to practice, but Sydney pays for his services. I enumerate a few of the circumstances under which we linger, and enough, I think, to account for our unsatisfactory position.

I am, &c.,
SUPERNUMERARY.
18th December.

To the Editor of the Herald.

SIR,—Your correspondent "Right" has taken a very proper view of the arrangements made for the All-England Match; and I am glad to find that he thinks our cricketers ought not to play second to the country town of Victoria. Moreover, as he very justly observes, much of the interest in the match to take place in Sydney will be lost should the Sydney men meet the Englishmen in Melbourne first. The excitement of this contest will not be confined to Sydney, but must extend all over the colony. If our cricketers meet them primarily in a New South Wales field, the result will be a very large influx of visitors from the various districts of the colony. Whereas, if our best men are pitted against them in Victoria, few beyond the railway termini would, in the absence of so great an incentive as the opposing parties meeting for the first time, put themselves to the inconvenience of a visit to Sydney. I believe the Melbourne people are entitled to all consideration for their place in this matter, and no one would object to our Eleven uniting with the Victoria Eleven, if the arrangements would permit, after the Sydney match is played.

If the first match is played in Melbourne in December, why not play the second match in Sydney in the early part of January, and the Intercolonial Match afterwards?

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
N. S. W.
Parramatta, December 18th.

To the Editor of the Herald.

SIR,—I had the pleasure of perusing, a short time back, in your columns, some interesting and entertaining letters, signed "An Eastern Horseman." His letters possess the characteristics of information, good taste, and manly sentiment. I thank him for their perusal. I advert, however, more particularly to these letters with the view of adding my recommendations, however valueless it may be, as to the subject of the description of drill which Mounted Corps should have applied to them. After fair riding and some little precision of movement have been attained in the school and drill ground, a wider space should, at once, be sought for the evolution of the troop or squadron. Here the wheeling and forming to either flank, the taking ground to the rigist, the left, or to the rear; the extending from, and coming to the centre while advancing to charge an imaginary foe, should be practised almost as at a gallop; and the use of the sabre, if not of the rifle, should be taught at the same speed, and their power brought to bear on objects on or near the ground, as well on a level with the shoulders of the horsemen. The charge of troops in divisions, or each other, retiring, before the shock, by threes right or left, whether from the flanks, would teach man and horse firmness and dexterity. Not so the practice of parade movements or the constrained and ineffective charges to which the wretchedly limited ground of the so-called Cleveland and Paddocks confines the present small troop of Mounted Rifles. Something better might be attempted in the University Paddocks, for the use of which I have no doubt permission might be obtained. At present I will trespass no further upon your space than to quote a short passage or two, showing the manner in which one of the greatest of cavalry leaders, General Seydlitz, trained his horsemen to accomplish feats of skill and daring apparently incredulous; but as accomplished by *men*, to be still approached if not equalled by *men*, having the intelligence and courage to attempt them.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
FORWARD.
Sydney, December 9th.

The following is the extract referred to by our correspondent:—

"He (General Seydlitz) was the first to teach hussars (as Warnery states) to use their sabres a-foot or on horseback with effect, also to ride without stirrups, and to set with them, on a trooper at full speed. Horse and man were by these means completely blended; inequalities of ground were not considered, and in the storm of the charge his hussars acted with ready presence of mind and dexterity. To break a battalion and bring to the rules of the school, to make the wildest tractable, and to master the most restive and unbroken, became the task of every common hussar; whilst to leap over deep ditches, high fences, or other obstacles—to press on through wood and water, unmindful of all accidents and injuries, was also exercised without intermission; and to load and discharge firearms with good aim at full speed was a frequent but still more difficult object of attainment. Life was risked in a similar manner while shooting with the rifle or pistol, in which Seydlitz had attained great proficiency, both on foot and horseback, for we are assured that he was just as ready to hold a dollar between his fingers as a target for a good marksman as he was himself to shoot at such a coin."

THE POWERS OF AN ELECTED UPPER HOUSE.

To the Editor of the Herald.

SIR,—In appointing a committee to consider the proposed changes in the Constitution, the Council has virtually shelved the Government bill, and taken into its own hands the task of framing a fresh measure. The work before it is one of no ordinary difficulty and delicacy: if the measure it frames yields too much to popular views, it will give us a body comparatively powerless and useless; worse, indeed, for it will absorb many excellent men who might have found seats in the Assembly; if, on the other hand, it is too offensive to democratic principles, it will not pass the Assembly, and if a majority of that body call for it we have no ground to hope that the Council will not be swamped a second time.

The committee will have to consider a question still more important than that of the composition of the future Council; it will have to consider those changes in its powers which its alteration from a nominated to a representative body will render just, and which in a new country like this are indispensable to its efficiency; for unless its powers exceed those of the present House, though every man in it be a Solon or an Aristides, it will completely fail, as all such bodies have done before it, to meet the ends in view: it will be a wheel and chains without a rudder, you may work it as much as you like, but you will no more bring the ship of the State to face the gusts of party violence than any number of men at the wheel of the Great Eastern could bring her head to wind after her late accident.

If it be understood or expressed in its constitution, that, on the occurrence of any difference of opinion, the Upper House must give way to the Lower, then I do not hesitate to say that we will be better off without any Upper House at all; but if, with the exception that the Lower House should retain sole control over the finances, the powers of the two be constituted equal, so that in the event of any difference not admitting of compromise, a majority consisting of less than two-thirds of the whole of the members of either House should always yield to such a majority of the other; and where neither or both of the majorities exceed two-thirds, the ayes and the noes, in both houses, should be counted together, and the will of the majority thus ascertained, accepted, then if the Council be constituted differently from the Assembly, and I believe it is the general feeling that it should be so, it will be a really effective and valuable body; they will mutually check each other, and we shall have a good working constitution.

I believe that the most perfect constitution that can be given to the Council would be the system of election proposed by Mr. Holden combined with Mr. Mill's principle of the plurality of votes giving one vote to every one who has now a vote for the Assembly, and an extra vote to every one possessing a moderate qualification. I believe that the introduction of this principle is preferable to a restricted suffrage; it would give us equally good men; it would recommend itself to the sense of justice of those who hold democratic opinions in a philosophical spirit; and, above all, it would not re-open those old wounds and renew those animosities which it should be the desire of all wise men to heal.

I am, Sir, &c., &c.,
RES PUBLICA.

BUSH FIRES.—Numerous bush fires have been seen in the neighbourhood of Newcastle during the last few days, but on Tuesday the horizon was covered with them all round. One monster fire was observable at the back of the hills over Burwood and the Glebe, and the smoke from it, borne seaward, was visible all the palm.—*Newcastle Chronicle*.

MERCANTILE AND MONEY ARTICLE.

Wednesday Evening.

THE amount of Customs duties paid to-day is as follows:—

Brandy	£211 18 7
Gin	256 19 0
Whisky	28 12 11
Rum	703 17 0
All other spirits	57 8 0
Wine	251 12 8
Ale, porter, and beer (in bottle)	12 13 4
Tobacco and snuff	74 4 0
Cigars	51 15 9
Tea	891 7 6
Coffee and chicory	1 17 4
Sugar (refined)	100 0 0
Opium	16 0 0
Bottles	14 4 0
Dues	3 0 0
Total	£2459 15 4

Messrs. Mort and Co. sold to-day by auction the Royal Hotel, at Singleton, for £600.

Messrs. W. Dean and Co. sold to-day by auction 114 fat sheep, ex City of Sydney, at an average of 17s. 10d. per head.

Mr. Brewster sold at auction to-day the Wirrah and Gil Gil stations, in the Gwydir district, New South Wales, with 4500 head of cattle, at £2 11s. per head; terms equal to cash.

The following items are from the *Times* of the 26th October

About £5600 in various descriptions of gold was taken to the Bank to-day. A more considerable sum is expected to be sent in to-morrow.

The exact amount of specie that will be despatched to the East by the outgoing steamer of the 31st of October, is £2,340,000, of which £1,750 in gold is for Alexandria, and £7,300 in gold and £,230,280 in silver for Bombay.

The advices from Paris describe an improved feeling on the Bourse, and state that there has been no loss of specie by the Bank of France during the past week.

Messrs. Scott and Co., of Cartsdyke, Greenock, signed a contract on the 24th of October, at Paris for the construction of three large iron paddle steamers, hulls and engines, for the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique, of 3450 tons and 750-horse power each. They are to be completed respectively in nineteen, twenty-three, and twenty-seven months.

A prospectus has been issued of the Birmingham Joint-Stock Bank with a capital of £500,000 in shares of £100 each. It is stated that there is room for a new institution of this description, no joint-stock bank having been established in Birmingham during the last quarter of a century, although its population has nearly doubled within that period. The principle of limited liability will be adopted.

The United Kingdom Electric Telegraph Company have invited subscriptions for their remaining capital of £350,000 for the immediate extension of their lines throughout England, Scotland, and Wales. Their system is that of a uniform sailing rate.

From Batavia we have news to the 31st October. The following is from Messrs. Pitcairn, Syme, and Co.'s market report.

Sugar is rather scarce in this neighbourhood, and for low numbers required for Australia our highest quotations are readily paid. At Souraboya No. 16 is quoted 1.14.50 per picul, with few buyers.

Coffee is in active demand with little in the market, and the late wet weather having injured the flowering of the trees, it is affirmed that next crop will be considerably under an average.

Rice is in fair demand, but stocks are much reduced.

Pepper has been arriving from the Lampongs, and considerable transactions are reported chiefly at our highest quotations.

Cubebs are scarce and in some request.

Nutmegs and mace are in moderate demand.

Indiarubber is in limited supply and moderate demand.

Gutta Percha is nominal, in the absence of supplies.

Hides have found buyers to some extent at quotations.

Arrack is under demand, and stocks are small.

Rattans.—Superior Banjermassing are wanted, while the market is overstocked with inferior sorts.

Sapanwood is freely offered at quotations, but there are few buyers.

Indigo is held as Samarang for the highest quotation.

Gum Dammar is in limited enquiry.

We append Messrs. Russell, Sturges, and Co.'s circular, dated Manila, 24th October.

Our last report was dated 5th instant, and we now continue our market advices.

Receipts of treasure have been 2000 dollars in gold bars from San Francisco, and none has been exported.

Sugar.—We hear of contracts for about 15,000 piculs currentclayed at 4¼ dollars per picul, and dealers do not now appear willing to accept this price. Receipts of low grades have been:—

4,500 piculs Tasi, settled at 2½ dollars per picul
1320 do Zebu, settled at 2 dollars ditto.
1140 ditto Visita, settled at 2 13-16 dollars ditto.

Export to Australia, 243,046 piculs, against 153,046 piculs in 1860.

Cost f. o. b. current sugar, 4¼ dollars; exchange 3.11 without freight, £15 13s. 6d. per 20 cwt. Cost f. o. b. Tasi sugar, 4¼ dollars: exchange 3.11, without freight, £10 1s. 6d. per 20 cwt. Cost f. o. b. zebu sugar, 2 13-16ths dollars; exchange 3.11, without freight, £9 5s. 8d. per 20 cwt.

Hemp.—Receipts from the provinces since 5th instant have been 12,100 piculs, of which about 4000 piculs have been sold at 2½ dollars to 3 dollars per picul, and the rest put in store. As receipts during the remainder of the year will be light, offers of 3 dollars per picul are now refused for stock lots. Sales of sorogan have been made at 3¼ at 3½ per picul, and of lupis at 6¼ dollars per picul.

Coffee.—All that remained from the old crop, upwards of 1200 piculs, have been sold for Californ at 13½ dollars silver per picul (14¼ dollars gold).

Indigo, Buffalo hides, and cuttings, no transactions.

Rice.—There is little demand and with good prospects for the coming crop, the price in the River has fallen to 1¼ dollars silver, per cavan.

M. O. Pearl Shells.—Receipts are 800 piculs, not sold.

Cordage.—Steam-laid in good demand at 9 dollars to 10 dollars per picul, according to assortment from 1 inch upwards; colow 2 inch 11 dollars per picul.

Japanwood.—Straight, from godown, 1¼ dollar to 1¼ dollar per picul.

Cigars.—At the government sale on the 21st instant, 4000 mil No. 2 Habanos and 8000 mil No. 2 Cortados were offered. All the No. 2 Habanos were sold at an average of 8 dollars 7 cents per mil, and 4160 mil No. 2 Cortados at 5 dollars per mil, half payable in silver.

Flour.—The Mephista, from California, brought 8856 quarter-sacks, which have been sold at 8½ dollars per barrel, and 473 quintals of wheat sold at 5½ dollars per 150 lbs. The Otto, from same quarter, has brought 3430 barrels of sack flour, with which a lot expected from Hongkong will supply the market for some time.

Exchanges.—Sterling six months' bills are settled at 3.11; thirty days, 3.9½. On Hongkong we hear of sales at 12½ dollars per cent. prem. for fifteen days, and 13¼ per cent. prem. for sight bills. On Amoy no sales. Silver 9½ to 10 per cent. premium.

Freight.—The Dutch ship President Plate has accepted 8000 guilders in full to take cigars to Batavia. The Great Britain, for Sydney, takes light freight at £3 10s per ton. The Valdivia (393 tons) was chartered in Hongkong, but has been re-chartered here for Liverpool at £3 10s for wet sugar, and £4 for dry, as for hemp, per 20 cwt. Ships are wanted for Great Britain at about these rates.

From Messrs. Stables, Straker, and Co.'s circular, dated 16th of October, we extract the following:—

Upon completing the total values of all the cargoes reported in our present *Circular*, we are surprised to find them so nearly reaching the amounts we announced in our report of 15th September. But for the fact of there not being a single clearance for Van Diemen's Land we should probably have had to present an increase instead of a decrease. Our total for the month ending 6th October is £891,706 against £732,938 for month ending 8th September—showing the decrease of £41,232.

Melbourne and Geelong, these ports we have to report nineteen clearances, against twelve in previous month, and sixteen in corresponding month of 1860. The declared values amount to £426,780, against £376,665 for August-September—being an increase of £50,115. The values for September-October, 1860, were £270,776—so that we see that we produce at higher remunerative prices; the growers of less appreciated descriptions are naturally anxious to secure more markets for their commodity, an extended demand inducing better prices. The growers of claret are probably content that matters should remain as they are, while others who are interested in the sale of French port and sherry, and such modifications of Roussillon and other southern wines which are now rated at the same duty as genuine Spanish and Portuguese descriptions, wish naturally for an alteration; thus the rumours darkly pledging Mr. Gladstone to all sorts of concessions may be traced to this. The producers of the strong wines in the southern departments would like their growths, irrespective of their strength, admitted into England at the claret duty of one shilling per gallon; that this concession will be made is not impossible, but highly improbable, because it would be equivalent to a reduced revenue of one hundred and fifty per cent. upon eighty-five per cent. of the wine now going into consumption.

Sydney.—To this port we have to report ten clearances, including an emigrant ship to Queensland. The declared values amount to £238,866, against £226,667 in the month of August-September,—being a present increase of £12,199. In this case, as in our Melbourne report, the increase is not to be looked for in the columns of draperg goods, which are mostly below, rather than above, our previous report, with the exception of wrought leather, where there is a small increase. In hardware, we have not much variation to report. Of bar iron we have a large supply; as also of tin plates. Of galvanized iron we have a decrease, though still quite enough. We report a fair supply of linseed and rape oils, with a considerable quantity of oil in bulk. Large shipments of rum continue to be made. Geneva shows about an average. British spirits, in case, are in small quantities, but in bulk, considerably above an average. Wines have gone largely, especially red. Beers, both in bulk and glass, show about their usual proportions at this season. We have not large quantities of either cheese or bacon and hams. Only one shipment each of malt and hops. Our report of salt is still heavy, though not nearly equal to that of last month. Of candles we have a small supply of British, and not an excessive one of foreign.

Adelaide.—Our heavy report for last month seems to have exhausted the trade, as we have had only one clearance since our last (*Traveller*, and that not a heavy one.

We have nothing to report to either Hobart Town or Launceston.

Our Liverpool passenger list gives a total of 1324 steerage passengers for Melbourne, viz.: per Electric, 98; Donald M'Kay, 293; Summerside, 15; Lillias, 308; Royal Saxon, 307; and Arabian, 303.

TRADE CIRCULARS.

TALLOW AND HIDES,

[GOAD, RIGG, AND CO.]

AUSTRALIAN Hides have sold freely; heavy weights are quite 1d, and light weights ½d to ¾d per lb. dearer. Arrivals have been moderate, and stocks are small. The sales since 6th ultimo comprise 28,412 salted Australian hides, Sydney, 1st heavy, 36½ to 63 lb., 4¼d to 5¼d; 1st light, 41½ to 60¾ lb., 4¾d to 4¾d. Melbourne, 1st heavy, 39 to 60 lb., 4¾d to 4¾d; 1st light, 44½ to 48¾ lb., 4¾d to 4¾d; ditto, 1st heavy, interior, 35¾ to 63¾ lb., 4¼d; ditto, 1st light, 41 to 44¾ lb., 4¾d. New Zealand, 1st heavy, 39¾ lb., 4¾d; ditto, 1st light, 39½ lb., 4¾d. 2nd class hides, 34½ to 41¼; first ditto, 26 to 29½; kips, 12 to 20½ lbs., 3½d to 4½d; skins, 4½ to 6½ lb., 2½d to 3d per lb. Import since 6th ultimo, 27,218 hides. Stock this day, 18,196 hides.

Australian Tallow has also been in good demand, the sales consisting of 1140 casks. The value to-day of good mutton is 34s, and good beef 32s 6d, being 2s 6d to 3s per cwt. higher than on the 6th ultimo. Import, 1359 casks direct, and 134 casks via Liverpool. Private stock, 1857 casks.

Sheep and Lamb skins.—At the public sales on the 19th ultimo, Buenos Ayres were in small supply, and fresh imports sold 4d to 1d per lb. higher. Lamb skins of fair and good quality realised fully former rates. Cape in good demand, and 1s to 2s per dozen dearer. Australian in large supply, and realised about former rates. The sales since 6th ultimo comprise 41 bales B. A. skins; one thin medium washed, 25½ to 28½ lb. 11d to 12d; mixed, 25½ lb. 8½d; coarse, 27½ lb. 9d; fine and medium, burry and dirty, unwashed, 24½ to 29½ lb. 6d to 6¾d; fair and good medium ditto, 32½ to 40½ lb. 6¾d to 7½d; low ditto, 30½ lb. 5¾d; low woolled ditto, 32½ lb. 4¾d per lb. 72,962 Australian: unwashed extra fine long wools, 61½ to 84½ lb. 56s 9d to 73s; ditto, ditto, rather dirty, 49½ to 80½ lb. 41s to 46s; ditto, ditto, 35½ to 66¾ lb. 27s 3d to 38s 9d; ditto, very dirty, 30½ to 53½ lb. 23s to 31s 9d; short wools, 34½ to 42½ lb. 12s to 21s 6d; shorn, 23½ to 40 lb. 3s 6d to 12s 9d per dozen.

Horns.—Ox and cow: no improvement in this article, and no trade of importance; the next public sales are fixed for the 15th instant.

Bones and Bone Ash.—No sales reported on the spot. Floating cargoes are much enquired after, and would sell readily. Bones are nominally worth 10s to 10½s, and ash £5 to £5 5s per 70 per cent.

The Tallow Market in the early part of the month was very dull and the value of Russian Y. C. declined to 35s 6d, being 2s to 2s 6d per cwt. lower than on the issue of our last report. Subsequently, accounts being received from St. Petersburg that the supplies of tallow were coming in very slowly, and that a considerable quantity was likely to be kept over till next season, some excitement ensued and produced an extensive demand both for home consumption and for export, which, combined with large speculative operations, caused a rapid rise in price for all descriptions of tallow. Russian Y. C. being to-day quoted 51s for new and 50s for old, which is 4s 6d per cwt. higher than the lowest quotation of the month, and 2s to 2s 6d per cwt. higher than on the 6th ultimo. The deliveries have again been unusually large, exceeding during the month of the 5000 casks, against 9013 casks in the same month last year, and the present stock of all descriptions consists of 37,150 casks, against 44,336 casks at the corresponding period of 1860. As regards the future of the market, prices will no doubt be regulated by the extent of the supplies received this season from Russia, and by last accounts from St. Petersburg the shipments were only 45,000 casks, against 100,000 casks at the same time last year, and if an early winter should set in there and stop shipments, or a large quantity of tallow be kept back in the interior for further advance in value may take place; but should the whole of the supplies come forward, and the stock here be materially increased, lower prices may result, especially if the Continental demand for tallow should fall off. If, however, some supply has been limited, and the present market price is 50s 3d per cwt. but cash, being 3s 6d per cwt higher than on the 6th ultimo.

7th October.

METALS.

[SAMUEL GRIFFITHS' IRON TRADE CIRCULAR.]

The iron trade in this district continues steady. The quarterly meetings take place at Wolverhampton next Wednesday, and at Birmingham on Thursday. In the beginning of the expiring quarter, the American difficulties, coupled with grave misgivings in respect to the harvest here, had a most chilling effect upon all large staple trades. The mill owners and ironmasters felt this reverse perhaps more seriously than any other large interests. Although no solution has yet taken place of the American question, we are glad to record the successful gathering of the harvest, which is superior in quality, and a tolerable average in quantity. This had a powerful effect on men's minds, and a reaction simultaneously with their brightened prospects set in, in these districts, six or eight weeks since, and the favourable change than referred to has been firmly sustained since. This has been more marked in the market here for the raw materials, than in finished iron, simply because of the very heavy transactions which have taken place in pig iron here, over the late period above-mentioned. It was said at 'Change on Wednesday last here, that the market for pig iron was quieter. This was perfectly true, but for the very simple reason that comparatively all the South Staffordshire stacks of pig iron are now up to the middle of January, 1862. The pig makers decline to sell any more, and the price of pig iron we now mark for all sorts 2s 6d per ton more than this time last quarter. The enhanced price of the raw material—apples, perhaps, even in a greater degree to common pigs, and these may be called to all denser than they were last quarter day. We know that the Parkfield brand is realising this advance in their daily sales. This company have sold in advance several thousand tons, we know that the Union, Addenbrooke's, Rough Hay, Old Windmill End, Williams Mathews's, Thatcher, Solly, and Co.; Captain Bennitt, Oldbury; Turley's, of Cwsey; Coulbourn's, of Hornsley; Grosvenit, of Broadwaters, have all sold their pigs, and can only supply a few boats now or a favour to occasional customers. We are aware of immense stocks held by one wealthy maker, but we know, too, that these pigs will not be sold at present prices, therefore, there is nothing for it in Staffordshire pigs but higher prices, which we will certainly rule after the end of the current quarter. The stocks, with one exception, are all melting away, and sixty-five of the furnaces which produce them are blown out; the pits which turned out the argillaceous stone to make them are stopped and full of water, the men are dispersed, and pig iron will not be sold in South Staffordshire again at the prices which ruled last quarter-day for certainly four or five years to come. We have gone more fully into this question of the raw material, because of the absurd remarks continually made on 'Change that there is a reaction. The orders for all kinds of Staffordshire iron are tolerably good; and in the present position of the pig trade, manufacturers will be very shy in taking large contracts for iron unless from old and valued connections. We do not expect a large business done in pig iron at quarter-day, for the simple reason that there is none to sell in this district. From what we know of the market, the manufacturers will book sufficient quantities of orders to keep them steadily going for some time to come, at the Birmingham meeting.

The subjoined list of prices of Staffordshire finished iron is as follows:—Common Staffordshire bars, £7 at the works; best bars, £8; sheets, £8 10s.; doubles, £10; nail sheets, £8; tattens, £11 10s.; boiler plates, £9 10s.; best and best best in proportion; common rods, £7; hoops, £9; gas tubes, £9 10s. per ton, the lowest point reached since 1857, except during the Italian war, when prices were depressed for some time to 10s. It is generally believed that with cheap money and the abundant harvest, the general trade of the country must be improved, and that prices will rather tend upwards. Exports last month were 30,042 tons against 16,140 tons in same month last year."

Wolverhampton, October 5.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

[F. W. COSENS.]

The trade in wines and spirits continues limited to buyers' actual wants. The prices of all good sound wines suited for current consumption remain sufficiently high to discourage speculation. The leading cognac shippers have placed a limited quantity of 1860 brandy at their advanced quotations, giving the trade, at the same time, to understand that, they will not be in a position to offer any 1861's, next spring the vintage, having on the whole, been classed as a failure.

The Paris correspondent of the *Times* asserts, "that a promise has been made to the French Government that French wines shall be admitted into England at a less rate of duty than that which is charged on those produced in other countries"—such is already the case, for claret pays only a duty of one shilling per gallon, while the produce of Portugal, Sicily, and the Cape, &c., is charged with two shillings and five-pence.